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TOTAL SERBIAN SUPREMACY AS NOVAK DJOKOVIC SLAMS 21

World No 3 quells Nick Kyrgios' challenge to win Wimbledon final. With 21 Slams, he is one short of Rafael Nadal's record

WIMBLEDON TITLE NO 7

Djokovic, one of the best grass-courters in history, made it seven wins at Wimbledon, just one short of the Open era record held by Roger Federer. With the win, the Serbian has now pocketed seven of the eight finals he has played in London. His only loss was against Andy Murray in 2013

3 HRS

Djokovic took to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3)

MASTER OF THE GAME

The match was always going to be decided between Kyrgios' service games and Djokovic's returns. The Serb won this contest by breaking him twice

The future, though, continues to remain uncertain for Djokovic. As it stands, the 21-time Major champion will not be allowed to play the next two Slams over his vaccine status

2017

THE LAST TIME DJOKOVIC LOST AT WIMBLEDON. HE'S NOW WON THE LAST FOUR TITLES IN LONDON

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A house inundated by gushing floodwaters following heavy rain that continued to pound Kodagu on Sunday | EXPRESS

Monsoon havoc in state continues

2 die in DK district; Tremors felt in Kodagu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

HEAVY rain continued to create havoc as reports of flooding, landslides and deaths came from different parts of the state on Sunday.

At Kaniyuru in Kadaba taluk of Dakshina Kannada district, two people were feared dead after their car accidentally fell into a rivulet on Manjeshwar-Subramanya state highway. They were identified as Dhanush (26) from Kundadka near Vitla and Dhanush (21) from Manjeshwar. They were heading towards Kaniyur from Puttur when their Maruti 800 car got swept away just past midnight. But the incident came to light only at 6 am when some residents noticed broken railings and parts of the car.

The CCTV footage from a nearby mosque showed the speeding car hitting the railing and then disappearing into the stream at 12.10 am. A search operation was launched and the car was found 60 metres away from the spot.

The downpour also seems to be triggering tremors in many parts over the last few days. At 6.22 am on Sunday, an earthquake measuring 1.8 magnitude was recorded in Kodagu district. KSNMDC officials said the epicentre of the mild quake, which did not cause any damage, lay at 1.1 km south east of Aranthodu gram panchayat, Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada district bordering Kodagu.

The heavy rainfall in the Hebri region over the last one week triggered landslides at the fourth and 10th curve in Agumbe Ghat, halting traffic on NH 169. Though the work to clear the road is on, the traffic movement is unlikely to be restored by Monday, authorities said.

In Dakshina Kannada, Kali River was flowing over the dam, cutting off access to Kadra town. The river has crossed the danger mark and people in several villages have been put on alert.

Sri Lanka's Opposition agrees to form all-party interim govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A day after Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled in the face of a massive protest, Opposition parties on Sunday agreed to form an interim government to stabilise the situation.

"We agreed in principle to form a government of unity with all parties," Wimal Weerawansa of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna party's breakaway group said after a meeting of all Opposition parties. The main Opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya party's general secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara said, "We aim for an interim government of all parties for a limited period and then go for a parliamentary election." Another meeting has been lined up for Monday to discuss the convening of Parliament for the transition of power to a new government.

Gotabaya had on Saturday told the Speaker that he will resign on Wednesday. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, too, expressed his willingness to resign as soon as an alternative government takes shape. Under the Lankan Constitution, the incumbent prime minister would automatically get appointed as acting President until Parliament votes and appoint a successor to the President. Despite Gotabaya's assurance, protesters who stormed the Presidential palace and Ranil's house on Saturday refused to leave till both actually resigned. There were reports of wads of cash totalling 17.85 million Lankan rupees being found in Gotabaya's house.

In its first reaction, India said it stands with the people's attempts to realise their aspirations through democracy. P9

A protester poses for pictures while seated on Sri Lankan President's chair at the presidential palace in Colombo on Sunday | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Cong removes its Goa Assembly leader

New Delhi: Trouble seems to be brewing for the Congress in Goa with eight of the 11 party MLAs likely to jump ship to the ruling BJP. Meanwhile, the Congress on Sunday removed Michael Lobo as Leader of Opposition, accusing him and former CM Digambar Kamat of "conspiring" with the ruling BJP to ensure a split |P8

CM Basavaraj Bommai welcomes NDA presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu in Bengaluru on Sunday. Later, Murmu, accompanied by Bommai and others, met JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda and sought his party's support in the July 18 presidential polls | NAGARAJA GADEKAL |P4

Ukraine dismisses its envoy to India

New Delhi: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday dismissed several of Kyiv's diplomats abroad, including its envoy to India, Igor Polikha. In a decree that gave no reason for the move, he announced the sacking of Ukraine's ambassadors to India, Germany, Czech Republic, Norway and Hungary | P7

Modi makes a 'Kali' consciousness point

Feeling a natural connection

"Whenever I had the opportunity, I visited Belur Math and the (Dakhineshwar) Kali temple (across the river); it is natural to feel a connection (with Maa Kali)," the prime minister said in his virtual address

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolkata

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the blessing of Goddess Kali is always with India, which is harnessing that spiritual energy for global welfare.

Coming as it did in the wake of the ongoing *Kaali* poster controversy, his remarks led to a political joust.

Addressing the centenary celebrations of Swami Atmasthananda, who was the 15th president of Ramakrishna Mission and Ramakrishna Math, Modi said, "Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa had a vision of Maa Kali. He used to say the entire world is wrapped in Kali consciousness. A part of that consciousness he had infused in his disciple Swami Vivekananda."

Recalling his association with Swami Atmasthananda, Modi said he could see the same sincerity of devotion and the same power of *shakti sadhana* in him.

BJP leader Amit Malviya sought to derive political capital out of the address by attacking Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee and her party MP Mahua Moitra, whose sharp comments about the goddess the party disowned. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks reverentially about Maa Kali... On the other hand, a TMC MP insults Maa Kali and Mamata Banerjee instead of acting against her, defends her obnoxious portrayal," he tweeted.

The Trinamool hit back with its spokesperson Saugata Roy retorting, "How many times Modi visited Dakshineshwar temple? Not on a single occasion. Malviya is a master of lies and fake news."

Fund misuse FIR against Medha Patkar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

MADHYA Pradesh police have registered an FIR against Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar and 11 others, for alleged misuse of funds collected for welfare and education of tribal children. The FIR under Section 420 of the IPC (cheating) was registered at the Barwani Kotwali police station in MP's Barwani district on Saturday on a complaint filed by local social activist Pritam Raje Badole, who has previously been associated with RSS and its student wing ABVP.

In the complaint, Badole alleged that over ₹13 crore collected by Narmada Navnirman Abhiyan Trust for the welfare and education of tribal children was misused. He alleged that the money might have been used to organise protests, adding *Jeevan Shalas* (tribal schools) they claim to run are not functional.

Rejecting the charges, Patkar said: "The *Jeevan Shalas* have been run since three decades and the entire help we get for them is used for the education and welfare of around 1,000 students."

AMARNATH YATRA SUSPENDED

No fresh batch was allowed to proceed from Jammu to the twin base camps of the cave shrine due to continuing inclement weather. A flash flood near the cave shrine on Friday had led to the death of at least 16 people. Around 40 people are still missing.

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Monday: 11/07/2022 • Year: Shubhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Greeshma • Masa: Ashada • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Dwadasi 7.38 am • Nakshatra: Jyeshta 3.32 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST
Light showers. Overcast

Sunrise 6.00 am
Sunset 6.50 pm
Moonrise 4.26 pm
Moonset 3.04 am

Losing items on Speed Post? Insure to get compensation

Postal dept gets many plaints of articles in parcels getting replaced

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Postal Department has been receiving a number of complaints about items booked via Speed Post from the state to various parts of India being replaced by other articles before it reaches recipients.

A senior postal official attributed this to handlers en route substituting them with other items and re-packing them.

Assistant Postmaster General (APMG), Business Development, Karnataka Circle, V Tara told The New Indian Express, "The articles despatched by India Post to other states are sent by air or in trucks. There are other agencies which handle them. Items gets replaced somewhere en route without the knowledge of anyone in the department. It is only when the recipient complains to us that the issue comes to light."

The Postal Department is not in a position to offer any full compensation as the exact contents of the parcel are not known, she said. "As of now, we only pay double the amount of the Speed Post charge as compensation. Until the person booking it has insured the particular item with us, we do not have any provision to compensate it," she said.

While business concerns who book items in bulk through the department ignore these occasional lapses, it is individual addressees who make it a point to formally complain to the department, the APMG said.

Referring to other complaints, she said a recurring one is that those authorised to collect Speed Post items inside apartments fail to hand it over to the person for whom it is intended. "We get a complaint and the whole process of tracking it gets under way. Our delivery staff have the acknowledgement of it being collected. Later, we learn that it had been delivered in the apartment, but those authorised to collect it have not alerted the specific house number for which it is intended," she said.

Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, S Rajendra Kumar said along with brickbats, they also receive appreciation from customers on prompt delivery. "There was a recent incident in which a customer from Hong Kong was delighted with the promptness in which an item despatched to Bengaluru was delivered and sent us a note of appreciation," he said. The department was not able to provide any data on complaints pertaining to articles that have been substituted so far.

PRAYER FOR ALL

Devotees offer namaz at Chamrajpet Idgah Maidan on the occasion of Bakrid in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

Student-run VC startup raises ₹75 cr

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@Bengaluru

A student-run venture capitalist startup has raised Rs 75 crore in funds to invest in other student-led startups.

Campus Fund, founded by Richa Bajpai, has been working towards funding student-led startups working out of and for India. It's the first ever dorm-room fund-type startup founded in India, catering specifically to student startups by using students to scout entrepreneurs in various universities and colleges across India.

"We worked with over 60+ students across the country to scout and evaluate more than 1,600 student-led startups in the last two years. We now have a portfolio of ten diverse student-led startups with strong fundamentals," Bajpai said.

On July 7, Bajpai announced that Campus Fund had raised Rs 75 crore for investment in student-led startups in its second funding initiative. This is over ten times more than the startup's first funding initiative, which managed to raise Rs 7 crore in June 2020.

A number of investment companies and banks like Kotak Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Essilor India, IIFL Wealth and Fireside Ventures have all contributed to the fund.

In addition, Campus Fund also released their annual report on student-led startups — State of Student Entrepreneurships in India — which provides highlights on different trends.

Interestingly, a majority of student-led startups are in the edtech sector, focusing on student mentorship. The report also found that after Delhi, Bengaluru was the hotspot for student-led startups, with a third of them operating out of Tier-1 cities actually belonging to students from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

Internship duration extended, students may get stipend

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

WITH Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan announcing that the duration of internship have been extended to 36 weeks, sources said students might also be given stipends for these internships.

Sources in the Higher Education Department told TNIE that the department was appealing to companies to provide students with a stipend in light of the long duration of internships, as proposed in the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP). As per the NEP, engineering students will undertake a six-month internship, as put forth by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU).

In addition, sources said the department is also insisting on internships to be made mandatory for non-technical courses as well, or at least, give push to research-based internships for non-technical courses. They said the department wants that companies give stipend to students undertaking the internships. However, this will depend on the company's preference, they said.

The NEP has put more importance on internships, specifically research internships, in all disciplines. In line with this, the University Grants Commissions (UGC) had put out guidelines making an eight- to ten-week-long internship mandatory for all courses. The internships can be undertaken after the second or fourth semester. However, a source told TNIE that internships will be done phase-wise.

Applications for degree courses from Monday

BENGALURU: Applications for degree courses will be issued from Monday after the State Higher Education Council prepared a common calendar of events for academic activities. Applications will be done through the Unified University and College Management System. This will be the first time that students will have to submit their applications for undergraduate degrees through the portal to get admission to colleges of their choice. The council came out with a common calendar of events for academic activities, the first time in the history of the state that such a move has been made. The calendar, which stipulates when applications, admissions and classes are to begin, applies to all colleges and universities in the state for the academic year 2022-23. The calendar also includes holidays, examination dates, announcement of results and valuation dates as well. ENS

'Fincluvation' to take solutions to doorsteps

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE collaboration initiated by India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) with startups in the financial technology sector is a massive step towards creating financial inclusion, said its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer **J Venkatramu**.

Venkatramu, who was in Bengaluru last week, told TNIE, "The joint initiative, Fincluvation, is a powerful platform that will use the unparalleled reach of the Postal Department to offer innovative solutions offered by startups at the doorsteps of the public." The venture is of particular significance to Bengaluru as it offers a wonderful ecosystem for startups, he said.

Fintech companies across the country have shown much interest in this venture with 100-odd companies registering with us, Venkatramu said.

The availability of finance-related information as well as credit speedily to those who require them, particularly in remote areas, will offer a massive step towards financial inclusion, he added. "For instance, a financial institution which needs to disburse loan will need to verify details of the borrower, and our vast network, particularly our delivery staff and Gramin Dak Sevaks, can facilitate this aspect," the CEO explained.

Referring to IPPB, which permits online banking, he said over 5.4 crore accounts have opened across the country as on date, including over 29 lakh accounts in Karnataka alone. "Nearly 80 per cent of them are in rural areas. The number of women account holders is almost 50 per cent at 2.52 crore," he added.

ISKCON founder Srila Prabhupada's biography launched

ENS @Bengaluru

THERE is no disconnect between science and spirituality, and it is a natural tendency for humans to explore the outer and the inner worlds, said ISRO chairman S Somnath.

At the launch of ISKCON founder Srila Prabhupada's biography, 'Sing, Dance, Pray', written by Dr Hindol Sengupta on Sunday, he supported the dichotomy of science and faith.

ISKCON president Madhu Pandit Das called Prabhupada the cultural ambassador of India to the rest of the world. He called the book "science without boundaries" and was impressed by the writer's approach as it gives scientific explanations to life, death and reincarnation among everything.

Infosys Foundation chairperson Sudha Murty praised the book, saying that it was very well written.

2,000 techies register for eye donation

BENGALURU: Inspired by late Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar, more than 2,000 IT employees of Sapiens International Corporation Ltd have registered for eye donation. Disclosing this at an eye donation campaign on Sunday, Abhir Mustafi, head of the forum, said employees from other states have also been requested to register through e-mail. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

11TH July: Have you heard about the 'responsive universe'? It's the latest idea about the way that astrology works. The theory is that we create theories about the way that the universe works, and the universe then responds. In other words, we create astrology in order to understand our lives, and the university co-operates! It may be strange but it's not the strangest thing I've heard!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You've been through a derma-nding phase, and you may ima-gine that certain cares now lie in the past. However, before you are finally free, you will have to face up to old troubles one more time, so take heart and be bold. One thing in your favour is that your level of sheer determination makes it virtually impos-sible for them to get the better of you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You should be on top form today, now that lunar influences are batting on your team, so to speak. Allow a new enthusiasm free rein this morning but get down to serious business around mid-afternoon. That's the time when you'll be ready to talk about your next step.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You're now in a charming phase. Surprised? You may not be, but some of your associates certainly will be. Yet the dominant planet in your life is no longer abrasive Mars but gentle Venus. That's why it's time for friendly co-operation rather than fierce confrontation.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You thought you had made your mind up, but what takes place today will make you think again, probably regarding joint financial commitments. An extravagant offer, on the other hand, will provide a valuable boost to your morale and set you up for the future.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Jupiter is fighting a celestial battle with Saturn, but Venus is about to mediate between these two warring forces. The benefits will arrive very soon when a close ally, perhaps a woman, intercedes with someone who has been trying to hold you back.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Why don't you spare a little time for dealing with travel plans. Holiday arrangements may be finalised and all overseas contacts should be assiduously cultivated: you could well be taking a journey for business rather than just pleasure. Also, keep an eye open for legal complications this afternoon.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The whole point about your current stars is revealed by Mercury's odd behaviour: other people, mainly close partners, will be acting erratically and will change their minds without warning. You must cultivate tolerance and flexibility - and keep the peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are far too bright to be taken in by people who are telling you what you can or can't do at home or in your private life. If you know what's best, you will form alliances with partners who will back you to the hilt: there's no point in hanging around with people who don't care.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Sometimes good fortune comes in strange forms, and you should be content if the day brings more than your fair share of responsi-bilities. The more you accomplish over the next forty-eight hours, the better able you will be to appreciate social developments after then.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Those revolutionary and inspired planets, Uranus and Neptune, are behaving like a couple of synchronised swimmers, ducking and diving through your chart. Behind every apparently trivial event this week will lie a deeper purpose as your destiny unfolds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your innate resistance to change is strong and growing stronger. There is nothing wrong with this. In fact, if roma-nce, pleasure or self-indulgence are among your goals, you may do very well indeed. Only in the most practical of family matters may flexibility be necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The key to a successful life is good commu-nication. This morning you may be obliged to exaggerate a little, but this afternoon you should stick to the facts. Watch for similar inconsistencies in partners' words for, surprisingly, they may not actually mean what they say.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOUR COMPUTER WAS BROKEN AND YOU REQUESTED A NEW ONE?
NO RUSH. IT STILL WORKS AS A PROP
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
GREG MORT WALKER

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LOCKHORNS

"TIM, CALLING IT, LORETTA... PARTY TIME OF DEATH, 8:57 PM."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"JUST WAIT. WHEN YOU GET HOME I BET THAT SCRAPED KNEE IS GONNA BE WORTH SOME HUGS AND COOKIES!"

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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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6	5	8		7		2		
4	1		6	2	9			7
	7				2	1		
	4			9			8	
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		4		1		5	3	8
				5				

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

2	6	4	9	8	7	3	5	1
9	5	3	2	4	1	6	7	8
7	8	1	5	3	6	2	4	9
1	2	6	8	7	4	5	9	3
3	9	8	1	6	5	7	2	4
4	7	5	3	2	9	8	1	6
5	4	2	6	9	8	1	3	7
8	3	9	7	1	2	4	6	5
6	1	7	4	5	3	9	8	2

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Fear of being wrongly partitioned (11)
9 To honour debts is questionable (7)
10 Engagement ring? (5)
11 A purely symbolic plant (4)
12 I'd compel in a way to get obeyed (8)
14 Demon drink? (6)
16 Meaty language (6)
18 Scorebut two (8)
19 Thrice married orderly (4)
22 Aim to exercise (5)
23 Leave a musical group with no backing (7)
24 Note painter making an entrance (11)

DOWN

2 Brew of beer left to rise (5)
3 The deck is going up and down (4)
4 He has absolute control of the French drug (6)
5 It may create a stir at meal time (8)
6 Door of opportunity? (7)
7 Young people arranged to see Scotland (11)
8 The opposite of having night vision? (11)
13 The extent to which diets can vary (8)
15 Geraint turns out to be a thankless person (7)
17 Mend a broken marriage? (6)
20 Sat with nothing on like Godiva in a wild show (5)
21 Lent for example at an exorbitant rate (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Birdie, 4 Aswan Dam, 9 Chimes, 10 Progress, 12 Deck, 13 Peril, 14 Asti, 17 Weather chart, 20 Gossip column, 23 Year, 24 Heard, 25 Scow, 28 Intrepid, 29 Unfair, 30 Talk over, 31 Inlets.

Down: 1 Back down, 2 Raincoat, 3 Ibex, 5 Straight part, 6 Ago, 7 Dressy, 8 Mashie, 11 Heart's desire, 15 Shoot, 16 Error, 18 Purchase, 19 Unawares, 21 Typist, 22 Cartel, 26 Nemo, 27 Anon.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LPXEE
RYNVE
DIAHOR
DUNOFE

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Where'd you go?
For starters, I stopped throwing those back. Then I started going to the gym every day.
Tell us more.
TO EXPLAIN IN DETAIL EXACTLY HOW HE LOST SO MUCH WEIGHT, HE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print your answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
WHINE LIMIT SUGARY FATHER
ANSWER: When she saw that the stallion was going to eat all the hay himself, it was the — FINAL STRAW

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 124 DAYS	942 ◂ 989	0 | ◂ 0	802 | ◂ 984
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
TODAY ◂ YESTERDAY	39,79,021 ◂ 39,78,079	5.91% | ◂5.91%	1.00 % | ◂ 1.00 %
ACTIVE CASES	6,898 ◂ 6,693	RECOVERY RATE	98.91% ◂ 98.82%

B'luru Urban: 831	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 4	Kolara: 11	Shivamogga: 3
B'luru Rural: 0	Chikkaballapur: 0	Gadag: 2	Koppal: 1	Tumakuru: 4
Bagalkot: 1	Chikkamagaluru: 3	Hassan: 2	Mandya: 4	Udupi: 10
Ballari: 4	Chitradurga: 0	Haveri: 0	Mysuru: 30	U Kannada: 2
Belagavi: 11	D Kannada: 13	Kalaburagi: 0	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 0
Bidar: 5	Davanagere: 1	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 0	Yadgir: 0

TEST NOT TAKEN BUT MESSAGE STATES YOU DID

Action will be taken: BBMP Spl commissioner

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

MORE than the spike in Covid-19 cases, citizens are now worried about the messages they have been getting from the health department stating that their samples have been taken and they must quarantine themselves till reports come.

While the same was observed during the first and second wave, matters have become worse this time. Many are getting the messages that they have been vaccinated with second dose and the booster shot.

"I am fit and fine. I have been attending office and suddenly I get a message that I have given my RT PCR samples, asking me to quarantine till my reports come. I had given my samples during the first wave and not in the last five days," said Naiyana K, an MNC professional.

There are many others like her who have got the same messages. "My roommate had given his samples after his colleague in office had turned Covid-19 positive. My roommate's reports came negative and I had not given samples, but still I got a message that my samples have been received," said Ashish P, an employee of a private firm.

While the officials are checking and tracing who had collected the samples, they are also shocked in dealing with cases where citizens are getting vaccination messages. Chirag (19) who is due for vaccination said that he got a message stating that he has already taken the second dose. Shockingly, he also got a fully vaccination certificate.

Health Commissioner D Randeep told TNIE that this was a matter of concern as the catch is that an OTP is generated in both cases. In case of companies there could be instances as employers mobile number is given and bulk messages are sent. But individual cases need to be verified. However vaccination is from the central government portal.

He added that once details of such messages are shared with the department, the information is tracked and the IP is checked. The whole system will reveal who took the samples and what happened. The issue of technical glitches cannot be ruled out.

BBMP, Special Commissioner, health Dr KV Trilokchandra said stern action will be taken against the sample collectors. The status of those who have not been vaccinated but received the message will be corrected. Citizens must report such cases immediately to 1533 or 104.

I am fit and fine. I have been attending office and suddenly I get a message that I have given my RT PCR samples, asking me to quarantine - **Naiyana K, an MNC professional**

A BUBBLY SUNDAY

It is always fascinating to see bubbles taking different shapes and floating in the direction of the wind. A vendor sells bubble-makers at Cubbon Park in Bengaluru on Sunday

Another BBMP truck, another mowed down

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IN another accident, a BBMP garbage truck rammed into a bike, killing a 37-year-old woman riding pillion with her husband who was injured on Nagarabavi Road on Saturday. This is fifth incident in five months despite Bengaluru Traffic police creating awareness among the BBMP garbage truck drivers on safe driving.

The deceased Vijayakala, and injured Yogendra (41) are residents of Buvaneshwarinagar in Moodalapalya.

A senior police officer said that Vijayakala, working as sales person in an electronics showroom in Chandra Layout, was going to work with her husband when a BBMP garbage truck, in a bid to overtake them, rammed the bike from the rear. The woman was flung in the air from the impact and has sustained severe head injuries after she was run over. The driver fled the scene. The duo were rushed to a nearby private hospital where Vijayakala succumbed to her injuries. Yogendra's condition is said to be stable.

The Byatarayanapura traffic police have booked the driver for causing death due to negligence and rash driving.

PREVIOUS MISHAPS

March 21 : Akshya (14) died while a biker and a woman pedestrian were injured after a speeding garbage truck mowed them down in Hebbal.

April 1: Ramaiah S (60) was killed after garbage truck knocked him down in Bagaluru.

April 18: Padmini D (40) was killed after a garbage truck ran over her on Mysuru Road.

May 14: Food delivery boy Devanna (20) was killed after a Palike truck hit his bike in Chikkajala.

Errant builders gave just ₹16cr of ₹268cr as relief

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

WITH the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) stepping into its sixth year on Sunday (July 10), a critical assessment of its impact in the state reveals that it needs to travel a long distance before it turns into a powerful tool in the hands of buyers.

Look at these statistics given by a senior RERA official – Out of a total of nearly Rs 268 crore ordered to be paid as compensation by errant builders by home buyers who approached the K-RERA court for justice, just Rs 16 crore has been paid as on date. This in turn translates to the verdict being honoured by promoters in just 48 cases out of 664 handled.

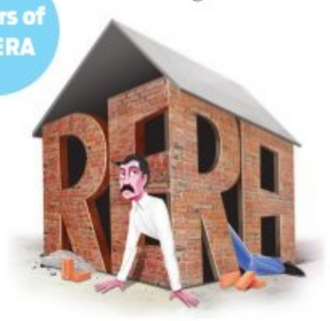
Of the 6,993 complaints received by the authority, just 3,381 have been heard so far. This again accounts to less than 50 per cent of home buyers getting any justice from it.

MS Shankar, general secretary, Forum for People's Collective Efforts -- which has been at the forefront in the struggle of home buyers, in a letter submitted to the chief minister and housing minister, among others, states, "In the past five years, the failures and shortcomings of RERA have outweighed benefits derived from it by a wide margin."

He appealed to the government for to review the functioning of K-RERA and take corrective action.

Referring to the 3,381 cases disposed of by RERA, he says, "There is no transparency and accountability on the cases in which judgement has been given as to whether the builders have complied with them. What is the use of such judgement when it is not executed or the refund is not made within the stipulated timelines?"

5 years of K-RERA



RERA was being touted as a transformative legislation to ensure regulation and promotion of the real estate sector in an efficient, transparent and accountable manner and to protect the interest of homebuyers, Shankar said. "But there is no transparent and accountable data in the webpage of the K-RERA," he pointed out.

Dhananjaya Padmanabachar of Karnataka Home Buyers' Forum too said K-RERA has failed to live up to its objectives. "The chairman never responds to mails or our official communication through post. I have submitted more than ten letters so far and got no response. "

The one positive aspect is that public are able to know which builders have complaints and this puts them on guard a bit.

RERA Chairman HC Kishore Chandra, who is said to be inaccessible to home buyers, told TNIE that he would speak about the milestone reached by his organisation only after the weekend.

Housing Minister V Somanna could not be reached despite repeated attempts to get his comments.

Two robbers nabbed for looting driver

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THE Yelahanka New Town police have arrested two robbers who had attacked a truck driver and escaped with ₹18,000. The incident took place on Saturday. The police have seized a bike and cash from the accused.

The arrested are Madhu (23) and Surya (25), who are residents of Puttenahalli in Yelahanka.

The truck driver and the cleaner were sleeping in the truck after parking the vehicle near Puttenahalli Lake when the accused went inside and threatened the driver at knife point when he tried to raise an alarm.

The duo attacked him and robbed the cash.

Based on CCTV footage, the accused were nabbed on Sunday and remanded in judicial custody.

Organs of accident victim rushed to Bengaluru, give hope to 5 patients

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

LATE Thursday night, a convoy of three ambulances raced through a green corridor from Mysuru to Bengaluru, carrying organs of a brain-dead accident victim, making the journey in just 2hours 16minutes. Early Friday morning, the harvested organs were transplanted into five patients, giving them a fresh lease of life.

The family of the victim, the sole breadwinner, overcame their grief to donate the organs and coordinated with the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) of the health department, which worked out the logistics with the traffic police to ferry the organs.

A team of transplant coordinators left Manipal Hospital in Mysuru at 8.05pm on Thursday, and reached the Institute of Nephro Urology in Victoria Hospital campus in Bengaluru at 10.21pm, and handed over two kidneys. The left kidney was transplanted into a 36-year-old man and the right kidney into a 48-year-old woman.

The team reached Manipal Hospital in Whitefield in Bengaluru at 10.43pm, and handed over the liver, which was transplanted into a 66-year-old man. The heart valves, which can save two people, were given to Narayana Hrudayalaya in Bommasandra, according to Lijamol Joseph, chief transplant coordinator, SOTTO (formerly Jeevasarthakathe) of the health department. "The corneas were handed over to KR Hospital in Mysuru, to be donated to two people," she added.

Madhu (40), a daily wage construction worker and native of Vaddarapalya village of HD Kote taluk in Mysuru district, met with an accident on July 3, after his bike collided with another. Madhu, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered a head injury and was rushed to JSS Hospital in Mysuru immediately. He was shifted to Manipal Hospital in Mysuru on July 5, and declared brain dead on July 6. Madhu is survived by his wife Saraswathi, and two daughters who are in Class 7 and Class 1.

Despite the tragic circumstances, Madhu's wife consented for organ donation, helping seven recipients on the waiting list. The organs were harvested on Thursday.

Health workers worried over irregular pay

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THE health workers at a few Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) complained that their salaries were not timely credited, while there is sometimes a backlog of six months.

Dr Ashwini RJ from Yemaluru UPHC said, "We don't get a monthly salary. Sometimes in a span of six months, we get salary for one to two months," she added. ASHA workers' basic salary is Rs 5,000 per month plus incentives.

Balakrishnamma (38) an ASHA worker from Vibhutipura PHC said that she is yet to receive the salary of her last three months. It has become difficult for her to bear monthly expenses like paying house rent, school fees of her daughter etc. Radhamma R (42) another field worker at the PHC complained about the backlog of salaries. "Salaries don't get credited on time, sometimes there is a six-month backlog."

There were two nurses and two ASHA workers designated at the PHC.

A file photo of health workers protesting

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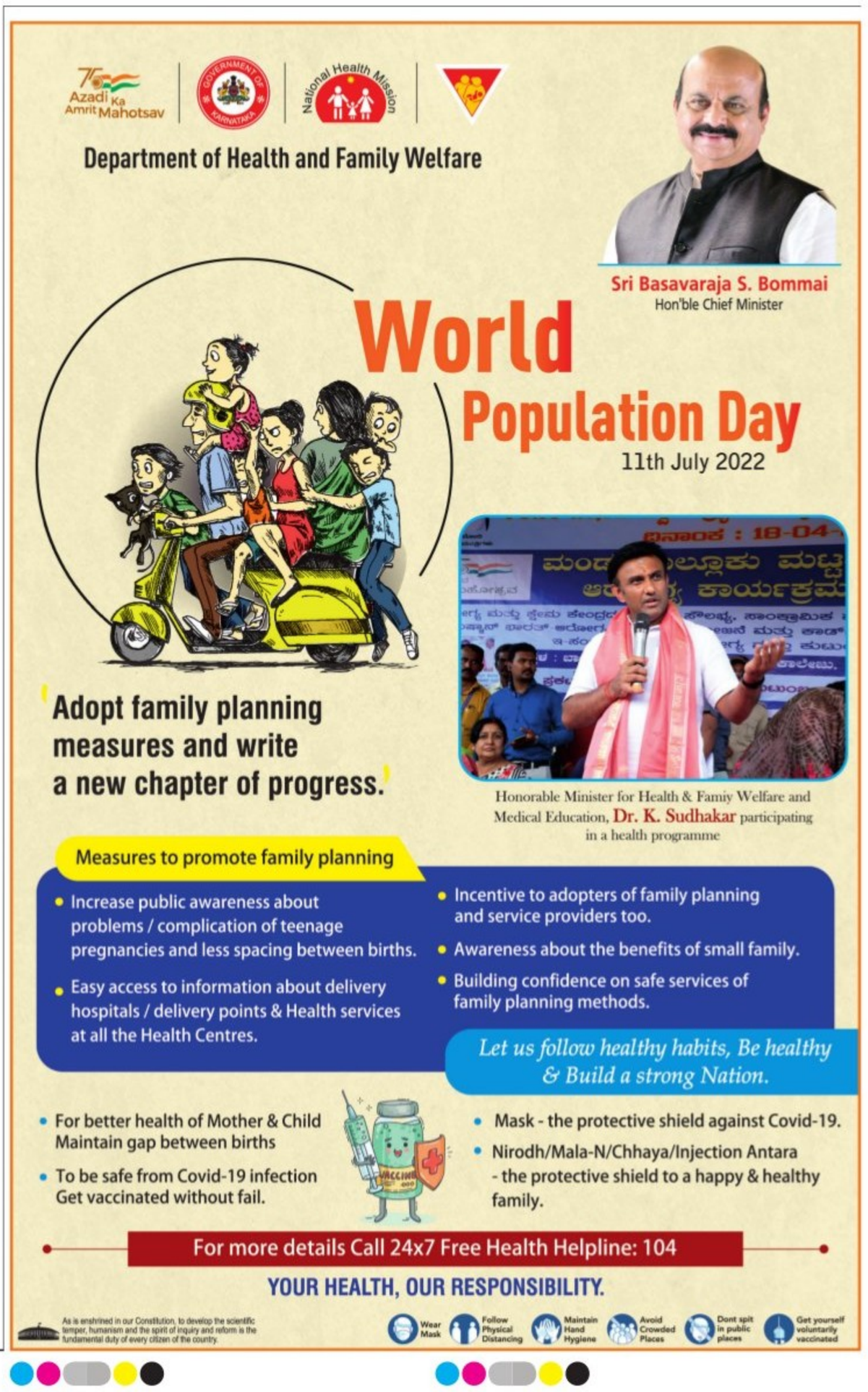
Dr Ashwini RJ, Yemaluru UPHC

She explained that they had so much work burden that their own health was deteriorating. Both the nurses were responsible to cover a population of 1.2 lakh, and they are on the field all day travelling from one place to another on their own expenses.

The staff nurses also complained about lack of infrastructure and shortage of staff. Dr Ashwini said they did not have a sterilizing machine, hence the nurse would sterilize all equipment and the whole PHC frequently, besides attending the patients. There was also a position of nurse vacant at the PHC but new nurses were reluctant to join due to trouble with salaries.

Addressing the issue, Dr AS Balasundar, chief health officer, BBMP said that only the problem is for the last two to three months, and the issue has cropped up because all individual bank accounts for the programmes were recently closed and a single nodal account has been created through which salaries will be transferred.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Sri Basavaraja S. Bommai
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World Population Day
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Adopt family planning measures and write a new chapter of progress.
Honorable Minister for Health & Famiy Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar participating in a health programme
Measures to promote family planning
Increase public awareness about problems / complication of teenage pregnancies and less spacing between births.
Easy access to information about delivery hospitals / delivery points & Health services at all the Health Centres.
Incentive to adopters of family planning and service providers too.
Awareness about the benefits of small family.
Building confidence on safe services of family planning methods.
Let us follow healthy habits, Be healthy & Build a strong Nation.
For better health of Mother & Child Maintain gap between births
To be safe from Covid-19 infection Get vaccinated without fail.
Mask - the protective shield against Covid-19.
Nirodh/Mala-N/Chhaya/Injection Antara - the protective shield to a happy & healthy family.
For more details Call 24x7 Free Health Helpline: 104
YOUR HEALTH, OUR RESPONSIBILITY.
As is enshrined in our Constitution, to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.
Wear Mask
Follow Physical Distancing
Maintain Hand Hygiene
Avoid Crowded Places
Dont spit in public places
Get yourself voluntarily vaccinated

With heavy rain lashing the Cauvery catchment area, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary has been shut for visitors as 26,143 cusecs of water was released from the KRS reservoir, Mandya district

PREZ HOPEFUL MURMU MEETS DEVE GOWDA, SEEKS SUPPORT

We will hold a meeting of our MLAs and decide on backing her, says Kumaraswamy

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

DROUPADI Murmu, the NDA presidential candidate, visited former prime minister and JDS patriarch HD Deve Gowda at his residence on Sunday and requested JDS support for her candidature.

JDS has one MP each in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, 32 members in the Karnataka Assembly and two MLAs in Kerala -- Mathew Thomas and Krishnan Kutty. In Karnataka, BJP has 122 MLAs, including one independent.

Each vote of an MLA from Karnataka will have a value of 131 and each MLA from Kerala will be valued at 152, as determined by Article 55 (2) of the Constitution. The electoral college for the presidential polls consists of elected MLAs and elected members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Murmu was accompanied by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and other senior BJP leaders when she met Gowda. Senior JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy and former minister HD Revanna too were present. Interestingly, Murmu, after entering Gowda's residence, offered prayers and performed arti to the holy basil, or tulasi.

NDA Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu meets former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda at his residence in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Going by the numbers, Murmu is comfortably placed to win the election. In South India, she has been assured of support by YSRCP of Andhra Pradesh and AIADMK of Tamil Nadu.

Asked about her visit to Gowda's residence, Kumaraswamy told TNIE, "She came to seek JDS support. We will hold a meeting of our MLAs and decide on the issue of supporting her."

Murmu also spoke to BJP MLAs in Bengaluru on Sunday in a meeting that was chaired by Bommai. Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, Union ministers Pralhad Joshi and Kishan Reddy, BJP national general secretary CT Ravi, former chief ministers Jagadish Shettar and DV Sadananda Gowda and others attended the meeting.

Earlier, Murmu, who arrived on a special flight at the HAL Airport, was accorded a warm welcome by Bommai, Kateel, several ministers and a host of MLAs.

IS IT GOING TO BE CONG VS CONG?

POLITICAL RADAR

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Just when Congress appeared to be gaining some momentum and looked to be on the upswing, troubles began erupting on multiple fronts.

The central leaders' efforts to ensure unity in the faction-ridden state unit hardly have had any impact. The personal ambitions of some leaders seem to be overtaking the collective interests of the party.

Ironically, the trouble in Congress seems to be flaring days after former AICC president Rahul Gandhi held meetings with state unit president DK Shivakumar and former chief minister Siddaramaiah to discuss the party's strategy for the 2023 Assembly polls and ensure united efforts by all the leaders.

But even before the leaders returned from the national capital after their meetings with the top leadership, the party circles were abuzz with talks about Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday bash and the message it would send to party workers.

The event, planned by the former CM's followers, is causing much heartburn among his detractors within the party as it is being seen as an attempt to project him as a chief ministerial face.

The celebrations in Davanagere in Central Karnataka early next month may see many big leaders — including Shivakumar — in attendance and posing for cameras together, but that will hardly reflect the true picture in the party.

The former CM's followers may justify their demand to project him as the party's CM face as he is among the tallest leaders in the party with a pan-Karnataka appeal. But the central leadership will be wary of any such move as Congress lost the 2018 Assembly polls under his leadership and this time around, the party is keen on getting all communities on board.

Given the need to take everyone along, collective leadership seems to be the only way forward. The party hopes to wean the Vokkaliga community away from the Janata

Dal (Secular) and get support from at least a section of the dominant Lingayat community while retaining support from minorities and backward communities.

After Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa's exit from the top post, Congress sees an opportunity to get support from Lingayats who dumped the party after the unceremonious removal of Veerendra Patil from the CM's post in 1990.

However, as the BJP has made it clear that it will go to the polls under Bommai's leadership and Yediyurappa too will play an active role in the polls, the Congress' job of winning over the Lingayat community will not be easy.

In Old Mysuru, JDS will be fighting for its survival. With former PM HD Deve Gowda and party senior leader HD Kumaraswamy campaigning aggressively to retain the party's support base in the Vokkaliga heartland, Shivakumar and his party will find the task all the more difficult.

In the last few months, Congress managed to stop its losing streak, boost the morale among its workers to some extent, and also demonstrated resolve to fight BJP. Though its much-talked-about Mekedatu padayatra during the pandemic was ill-timed, it showed the party's intent and ability to take on the ruling disposition.

Congress leaders seem to take comfort in their internal surveys and a decent performance in Assembly by-polls, local bodies and legislative council polls. But internal bickering will most likely undo all the gains.

Leaders seem to be pulling in different directions instead of marching unitedly, especially at the home stretch of the battle. If not resolved in time, the situation may worsen during ticket distribution.

It will also do well for the party to take note of concerns expressed by veterans like KH Muniyappa and Veerappa Moily. Muniyappa was miffed over the party inducting leaders who had reportedly worked against him in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Former CM Moily had suggested that Congressmen shed exhibitionism and reach out to the workers.

The party first needs to resolve its internal contradictions before going into the big battle next year.

STATE CONG RESHUFFLE

Sonia picks five new AICC secys, removes two

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WITH months to go before the 2023 assembly polls, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on Sunday appointed five new AICC secretaries in Karnataka after removing two of the incumbent.

While the new AICC secretaries, who will be attached to the general secretary in-charge for Karnataka, are D Sridhar Babu, PC Vishnunadh, Roji M John, Mayura S Jayakumar and Abhishek Dutt, those removed are Kuldeep Rai Sharma and Raminder Awla.

"Congress president has appointed new AICC secretaries attached with the general secretary in-charge of Karnataka with immediate effect," said the party's official statement. Babu, Vishnunadh and John are MLAs. "Kuldeep Rai Sharma and Raminder Singh Awla have been relieved from their current responsibilities as AICC secretaries," the statement said. Congress is seeking to wrest the southern state from BJP. Congress was in power in the state from 2013-2018. Thereafter, Congress was part of a 14-month coalition with JDS which collapsed in 2019.

Need to foster religious harmony: CM

Former CM Siddaramaiah and area MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan at Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan on Bakrid on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

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CHIEF Minister CM Basavaraj Bommai wished Bakrid to Muslims across the country. Later he also tweeted, "Hearty greetings to all the people on the holy occasion of Ashada Ekadashi. I pray to God to bring happiness, peace and prosperity in the country."

Speaking at a public function on Sunday, he emphasised the need to foster religious harmony by respecting other religions. He said, "We need to foster religious harmony by respecting other religions. Social equality can be achieved only when there is social, economic and religious harmony."

He was speaking at 'Nudi Namana' programme organised to pay tribute to retired engineer-in-chief of the Public Works Department late Dr L Shivalingaiah.

Bommai also recalled his father late S R Bommai's close association with Shivalingaiah who was a man of high thinking, and was also responsible for preparing a blueprint for many irrigational projects in the state.

SR Bommai was the former CM of Karnataka.

According to Bommai, Shivalinagaiah had a major role in the design and construction of many hospitals, including Victoria and Nimhans. He was instrumental in construction of many Dr BR Ambedkar institutions in the state.

"Shivalingaiah was a hard worker, an inspiration to youth, and he was the national president of BJP Dalit Morcha. The present generation has a lot to learn from Shivalingaiah's dedication and commitment to a cause," he said.

Unorganised workers flag lack of benefits

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THE State Executive meeting of BJP's unorganised workers forum was held on Sunday morning at Jagannath Bhavan where Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Mines and Coal Pralhad Joshi, state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel and state convenor of BJP Unorganized Workers Association Byatarange Gowda participated.

The unorganised workers complained that they do not receive the benefits the organised workers receive and want those benefits to be extended to them. It may be recalled that included more than 24.5 crore unorganized workers had registered on the E-Shram portal from across the nation.

Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi and BJP state chief Nalin Kumar Kateel during a meeting at BJP head office in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

STRAWS IN THE WIND

It is raining poll strategists in K'taka

As Karnataka is heading to the Assembly elections next year, it is a windfall for poll strategists in the state. Congress got Sunil Kanugol, who was with I-PAC of famed poll strategist Prashant Kishor, into the party-fold in March. Now, the party has also appointed former bureaucrat Sasikanth Senthil as war room chief, but Sunil will continue to be in charge of overall operations. But the principal opposition party, which is eyeing to come back to power this time, is not yet satisfied. The buzz is that another poll strategist, who too worked with I-PAC that helped Jaganmohan Reddy win the 2019 Andhra Pradesh Assembly polls, is likely to join the war room. The party feels that the expert, an alumnus of RVCE and hailing from Bengaluru, would be a better fit in their pursuit. But, it is said, the youngster is not ready to sign on the dotted line and wants to remain a professional on all terms, including finance. It will be interesting to see how the party high command will deal with him.

Farewell to Naidu without CM

Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu, who was in Bengaluru to attend the golden jubilee of Mount Carmel College, was received and bid farewell by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot as per protocol. But conspicuous by his absence was Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Though the chief minister could have been busy with work or chose to skip the ceremony as there was a nationwide mourning after the assassination of former Japanese premier Shinzo Abe, his absence was noticeable. It is said that Naidu, who is 73, could be retiring from active politics after his term ends on August 8. But he could still be available for the party if the high command so wishes or could be part of the Margadarshak Mandal, which has such illustrious leaders like LK Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi as members. Party sources said that Naidu might have been pained by Prime Minister Narendra Modi not informing him about the NDA's choice of Droupadi Murmu as the presidential poll candidate. For the outgoing Vice-President, the ceremony accorded to him in Bengaluru was a mere formality and to meet the existing protocol. When he comes to Bengaluru next time, he may not get the official welcome, but he will certainly feel at home as he has a house in Malleswaram.

Securing vote bank: RSS chief to meet Dalit religious heads

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's scheduled visit to Sri Madara Channayya Swamiji at Chitradurga on July 11 ahead of RSS' two-day 'Chintan Manthan' meeting has evoked curiosity ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls in Karnataka.

The Dalit religious head wields influence among sections of the SC left community, and sources said keeping the community in good humour ahead of the polls is part of Bhagwat's agenda. He will be accompanied by the BJP leaders including the Minister of State for social justice A Narayanaswamy. He is also likely to stay back at the Gurupeetha and hold deliberations with the Dalit religious leaders who share a good relationship with Sri Madara Channayya.

Swamiji took part in the 'Shilanyas' laid for the construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya as he was among religious heads invited from the state. Interestingly, he was detached from the issues raised by the Congress as he did not take part in a huge rally to protest against the textbook revision at Freedom Park in Bengaluru recently.

"I was not invited for that event and so did not take part. I had invited Bhagwat to visit our Gurupeeth sometime back," he told TNIE.

The leader of the community Pavagada Sriram told TNIE that Swamiji who has sway over the community is among one of the religious heads the BJP and RSS have high regards for.

In 2013, the community turned averse as the BJP government headed by the then CM Jagadish Shettar did not implement the recommendations of the Justice Sadashiva committee to ensure the classification of SC quota.

As the Siddaramaiah-led regime also failed, the community reportedly leaned towards the BJP with the party winning more seats in 2018 assembly and 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The issue is likely to be raked up ahead of the 2023 polls and both BJP and RSS are likely to be cautious and meeting the Dalit religious heads is one of the strategy, sources said.

"The RSS chief instead of doing all these gimmicks should fight the polls. He should reply to the 40 per cent commission allegation against the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government and whether the RSS is also receiving those cuts," Leader of opposition in the Council BK Hariprasad said.

The South Western Railway plans to operate vistadome coaches with one of the trains that passes through the Western Ghats and Dudhsagar waterfall. This was one of the long pending demand of the region. A senior railway official said the Poorna Express, which runs between Ernakulam and Pune via Belagavi, Londa, Dudhsagar, Madgaon, Karwar and Mangaluru is a suitable train for the vistadome coach. The train runs biweekly with high occupancy and also covers many tourist hotspots | AMITS UPADHYE

NATURE'S LAP

Ready for canopy walk in Sandur Hills?

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

THE district administration and forest department of Ballari division are trying to develop a canopy walk which will take the tourists closer to nature.

Karnataka's second canopy walk is all set to take shape in the picturesque Sandur hills, and by the end of this year, the Rs 3-crore project is expected to be completed.

The first canopy walk of the state was opened in the dense jungles of Western Ghats in Kali Tiger Reserve in 2018, and tourists can enjoy it throughout the year except during monsoon.

The Sandur Hills are known as Sahyadri of Kalyana Karnataka which attracts a large number of tourists during monsoon. Recently minister B Sriramulu had visited Sandur, and had announced that Sandur will be developed as a tourist hub in Ballari district. The canopy walk and glass bridge in Sandur are part of the plan.

Sandeep Suryawanshi, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Ballari said the work on canopy walk and glass bridge will begin in August month. "The canopy walk is expected to be a major attraction for nature lovers. Sandur taluk has rich forest area. There are ample opportunities to build eco-friendly tourism in this region," he said.

"As per the detailed project report, a canopy walk has been planned at Narihalla check dam to Kudligi-Sandur Road which is about 450m. The walkway will have wooden planks. A photography point will be provided for the tourists atop the canopy walk. Similarly, a glass bridge will also be installed to bring the beauty of Sandur closer to tourists," he said.

The indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant has successfully completed the fourth phase of sea trials on Sunday and is all set to be commissioned in August to commemorate 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'

CHILD MARRIAGE RETURNS TO HAUNT KARNATAKA

Covid phobia, financial woes and provision for simple weddings due to lockdowns, love affairs due to access to mobile phones because of online classes, fear of abuse have led to a rise in child marriages since the onset of the pandemic

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

IT is almost a century since the first law (Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929) to prevent child marriages came into effect. There has been significant strengthening of laws to prevent child marriages and abuse since then — Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 and amendment to it in 2017, exception 2 to 375 of IPC and POCSO.

However, despite the number of child marriage cases falling over the decades with educated women entering all sectors, the number of child marriage cases has lately seen an uptick since the onset of the Covid pandemic.

The number across Karnataka rose three-fold between April 2021 and March 2022, and almost doubled in the April 2020-March 21 period, as compared 2019-2020 before the pandemic set in.

Officials say even urban and well-off parents are getting their daughters married off early.

HC Raghavendra, a member of the Karnataka Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, blames the trend on the failure of officials to implement the existing laws. He says they have failed to create an awareness among parents on laws and the impact of child marriage on young girls who are premature to handle marriage responsibilities and physically not prepared for childbirth. He also attributes it to the failure of the education system in creating awareness.

There were 415 child marriages in the state in 2021-22. The highest was in Mandya at 76, Bagalkot 45, Hassan 36 and Mysuru 33. The state witnessed 296 child marriages in 2020-21 and 156 in 2019-20.

WHY CHILD MARRIAGES ROSE DURING PANDEMIC?

"With many children losing their parents due to Covid, the fear of infection, uncertainty about life and anxiety about the future of kids, pushed parents towards getting their daughters married early during the pandemic," says Priyanka Mary Francis, Director, Department of Women and Child Development. In all, 221 children have lost both parents due to Covid.

A child welfare committee member, on condition of anonymity, says poverty coupled with increasing financial woes due to loss of jobs and business with Covid-induced lockdowns also forced child marriages, as parents looked to reduce their responsibility of daughters who stayed at home. Also, as Covid restrictions were in place, marriages were simple with fewer participants and lesser expenditure, encouraging parents to marry their daughters early.

Cases of abuse, teenage love affairs due to increased access to smartphones for online classes during the pandemic, secret marriages, cheating after reported abuse and anxiety over safety of adolescent kids too played a role.

Well-known child rights activist and Director, Child Rights Trust (CRT), Vasudev Sharma, says during the lockdown, many boys who worked in cities returned to their villages, adding to the prospects of early marriages to preempt any relationship issues.

There is also a prevailing feeling that young girls can adapt more easily with the new households if they marry early rather than later.

A consortium of seven NGOs — including CRT — has come up with a project "Initiatives for Marriage Adolescent Girls Empowerment" (IMAGE), wherein 3,000 married adolescent girls are being empowered with skill development training.

One of the girls, Suma (name changed), shares: "I lost my father when I was in Class 9 and I was the eldest among three daughters and one son. I was forced to get married when I was 15 and I have a two-year-old son. I am used as free child labour after wedding, expectations from me are also high. I have to wait for my husband to come home to take money to even buy a bindi."

Sharma says, "The story is no different for other girls. All those girls at IMAGE, especially those deserted, have now joined our campaign to create awareness on child marriages."

Vithal Chikani, state Unit Secretary, Samajika Parivartana Janandolana, an NGO focused on the welfare of children, says lack of communication was why child marriages rose during Covid.

Normally, friends of children getting married, neighbours and anganawadi workers are the main sources of information for the authorities on child marriages. But with schools and anganwadis closed during the pandemic, information flow almost came to a nill.

The other reason for early marriages is pressure from grandparents to see their grandchildren married off when they are alive, which is part of the tradition in some communities of Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur districts, he said.

Prabhakar, Deputy Director, Women and Child Welfare Department, Yadgir district, says there are many cases in the district where young adult males pressurise minor girls (neighbours or relatives) to indulge in sexual relationships with them. When the secret is out, the parents of the boy and the girl try to get them married.

Basalingappa Niralkeri of the Belgaum Diocesan Social Service Society, says that in Dharwad district, a few families from the Gosavi community are found conducting such child marriages before girls attain puberty. Some Gosavis think that once the girl attains puberty, she is not fit to get married, he adds.

In rural parts and urban slums, elected representatives often support parents in conducting child marriages. These politicians too should be held responsible. Girls suffering after child marriages should turn into ambassadors to create awareness, while awareness programmes too should be taken up in a large scale, he adds.

WHERE HAVE WE FAILED?

HC Raghavendra, member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), says the existing laws are strong and those violating the prohibition of child marriage Act can be punished up to two years of imprisonment with penalties of up to Rs 1 lakh.

As per exception 2 to 375 of IPC, sexual intercourse by a man with his wife below 15 years is rape and they can also be booked under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

As per Section 31 A of the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Karnataka Amendment) Act 2016, the wedding can be declared void if any of the two parties is below the legal age.

Raghavendra says officers of 13 different departments are appointed as child marriage prevention officers, but they fail to prevent child marriages as they fear being targeted, especially in small towns. Officers also fail to follow up once they prevent a child marriage. The police can take up suo motu cases of child marriages under Section 15 (A) of IPC, but they too fail to do so.

He says, "Many children complain to child line (1098) about child marriages. But during our review meetings, we have found that 30 per cent of child marriages occur with the consent of girls because of the glorification of weddings in TV serials and cinemas. Their impression of teh wedding is just about wearing new clothes, getting dressed up, functions, and good food. They do not realise the responsibilities which unfold after the wedding. Also in many cases, parents go to different states or remote places and get children married. Officers fail to book case because of lack of evidence. The conviction in child marriage cases is almost nil, because, during their statement under Section 164 of IPC, girls do not give evidence," he says.

Deekshith, an officer at the Childline Mangaluru, pointed out, "The women and child welfare department doesn't take a written undertaking in many cases because of pressure from politicians. They also don't take cases seriously and many cases are compromised."

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Vasudeva Sharma also pointed that, it was in 2019, the department of women and child development formed a committee to know the status of married adolescent girls, but they are yet to call even a single meeting on that, he said. He added that men should also be counseled as to why they should not get married to girls below legal age, he said.

Karnataka State Women's commission chairperson R Pramila Naidu said that, besides sex education among children, girls should be counseled towards importance of education towards their empowerment and socio economic security. Parents should also be educated on laws related to child marriage and also on how girls are physically not prepared to give birth to a child at younger age and not matured enough to handle family responsibilities, she said.

Harish Jogi pointed that Nationalisation of education in addition to economic sops to the underprivileged could be a way out to curb child marriages, he said.

With inputs from: Ramkrishna Badseshi/ Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur); Karthik KK / Mysuru; Prakash Samaga/ Udupi; Pramod Kumar Vaidya/Koppal; Divya Cutinha/ Mangaluru; Thipperudrappa/Chikkamagaluru; Mallikarjun Hiremath/ Dharwad; and Kiran Ballannanavar/Ballari/ Vijayanagar

CHILD MARRIAGES
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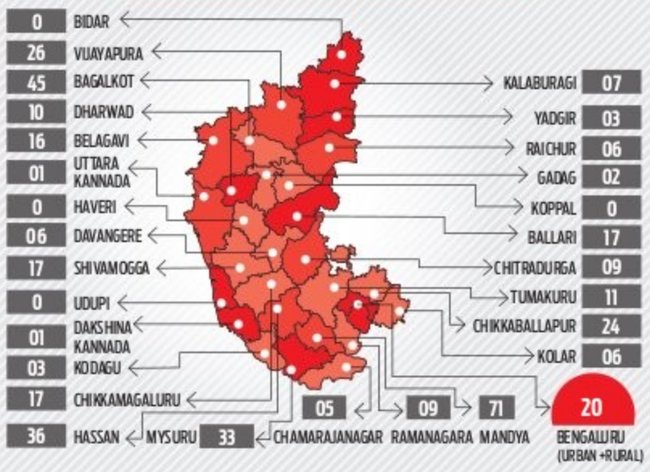

STATISTICS ON CHILD MARRIAGES IN K'TAKA

Year	Complaints	Prevented	Happened	FIRs
2019-20	1,779	1,623	156	130
2020-21	3,007	2,711	296	239
2021-22	2,816	2,395	415	323

With many children losing their parents due to Covid, the fear of infection, uncertainty about life and anxiety about the future of kids, pushed parents towards getting their daughters married early during the pandemic

Priyanka Mary Francis,
Director, Department of Women and Child Development

BIG PICTURE

EPS' coronation day? 9am court verdict to decide

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

THE Madras High Court will deliver a verdict at 9 am on Monday that could shape the future of the AIADMK, one of the two major parties in Tamil Nadu. If the court permits the party's 9.15 am general council (GC) meeting, it is almost certain former CM Edappadi K Palaniswami will be made the party's interim general secretary. If the court rules otherwise, EPS' camp, which has the overwhelming support of GC members, may be headed for another round of legal battles.

As party cadre await the verdict with bated breath, EPS' camp seems confident the order will go their way. Even on Sunday, his supporters were leaving no stone unturned to make the GC meeting "flawless". Palaniswami's camp seems cautious as the June 23 meeting was described as a half-an-hour drama by the rival camp headed by another former CM O Panneerselvam, and there was a general notion that the earlier meeting was held in a hurry. Since there was a charge that "outsiders" were in the GC meeting hall on June 23, this time, the AIADMK has installed a radio frequency identification system at the venue, so only genuine GC members can enter. Since the 16-point agenda for the meeting has been conveyed to members of the GC well in advance, they are likely to be moved as resolutions in the meeting. Also, steps to remove Panneerselvam as the party's treasurer - since he "failed" in his duties for the post - are likely to be initiated.

Of the 16 subjects proposed to be discussed, five are related to the AIADMK's leadership. Discussions will be held on abolishing the dual leadership posts — coordinator and joint coordinator — and reviving the post of the general secretary, who will be elected by the party's primary members.

The Supreme Court has already clarified that courts cannot interfere in internal affairs of political parties. It remains to be seen whether the HC will stick to this line of reasoning.

Workers erect cutouts of former TN CMs CN Annadurai, MG Ramachandran, J Jayalalithaa and Edappadi K Palaniswami at the venue of the AIADMK general council meeting in Chennai on Sunday | PTI

Charged ₹3K to update Aadhaar, claims farmer

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

AT a time when the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is all set to provide doorstep services to citizens, an incident reported in rural Mysuru has exposed how the innocent are extorted by middlemen in the name of getting their Aadhaar card updated.

A private party claiming to be running a customer service point (CSP) to provide online facilities to citizens allegedly demanded Rs 3,000 from a farmer for getting his son's Aadhaar card updated and made him cough up Rs 2,500 to get him an updated Aadhaar card. The incident was reported from Periyapatna taluk in Mysuru. Mahesh, who runs the CSP, allegedly demanded Rs 3,000 from Muniswamy, a farmer from Saathegala village. Muniswamy filmed the incident of him approaching the service point, paying the money and getting the Aadhaar card updated for Rs 2,500 and it has gone viral on social media.

According to Muniswamy, he approached the service point as he wanted his son's Aadhaar card updated immediately to avail bus pass.

"I was told that I had to link my mobile number to the Aadhaar card to get it updated and went to a bank, where I was told to visit this shop. When I went there they called their sources and said that they could get it updated but had to pay Rs 3,000 as they had to bribe a few senior officials to get it done. As I was in a hurry, I could arrange only Rs 2,500 and paid them after which I got the card updated and a new card was issued to me," he said.

In the video shot by Muniswamy, Mahesh, who runs the CSP, has claimed that he had to bribe officials to get the work done, as it was not possible to get it updated at the centre.

A resident alleged that this is not the first time that Mahesh was caught red-handed. Earlier, he was running a common service centre (CSC) in the taluk and was charging money more than the government prescribed rates, following which his licence for the centre was cancelled.

"He later opened this centre in his wife's name. Even several officials seem to be hand-in-glove with such people which needs to be probed," said Nagaraj, a resident of Piriyapatna.

Meanwhile, Mahesh told TNIE that there are attempts to fix him. "I took the money from him as travel expenses to get the card updated by visiting the office in Bengaluru. His son's card was deactivated and it was necessary to visit the Bengaluru office to get it corrected. But I am wrongfully framed. I don't have any licence or authority to update Aadhaar and just run an Internet centre," he said.

When the issue was brought to the notice of DC Dr Bagadi Gautham, he said he had been informed about this and had directed the officials to take action immediately.

AADHAAR

Flight from Dubai lands in M'luru 24 hrs late after diverted to Kochi

ENS @ Mangaluru

SEVERAL people from Mangaluru, arriving from Dubai to be part of Bakrid festivities, had a torrid time as their flight was diverted due to bad weather twice and they landed in the coastal city only 24 hours later.

Abdul Rahman Jokatte, one of the passengers of Spicejet flight IX0814, said that the plane took off at 4.20 pm and they were scheduled to reach at 9.20 pm on Friday. "But when it was about to land, it took off from just about one feet above the runway. After 10 minutes, the flight shook and we were all scared as we were reminded of the 2010 air crash. Pilot announced that the condition was critical but we were all safe and that our flight could not land at the Mangaluru Airport. He said that instead, we are heading to Cochin as the flight was running short of fuel."

Abdul said, "They also said there was a weather problem. After landing at the Cochin Airport, we were made to sit for an hour inside the flight. Later they asked us to go out and finish dinner and come back after two hours. Later they said the flight will leave to Mangaluru 9 am the next day. We slept in the waiting area till morning. We were not given any food. We all protested. We saw workers solving some technical issues with the flight. Also, a day before Bakrid, we are supposed to fast, but we could not do that."

MILES TO GO

Age no bar for this 82-yr-old ex-MLA

AISHWARYA PRABHAKARAN @ Kochi

AT 82, when his peers are leading a retired life playing with grandchildren or reading books at home, former MLA **MJ Jacob** refuses to be cowed down by age, and is vying with the best in the world. And winning too. He has won medals for India at the World Masters Athletics Championship (WMAC) 2022 that concluded in Finland on Sunday.

However, the two bronze medals in the 80-metre and 200-metre hurdles have failed to satiate his hunger for success. The former CPM MLA from Piravom is busy charting out fitness and practice programmes to improve his performance and win a gold at the Masters next year. Speaking over the phone from Finland's Ratinan Stadium, Jacob told TNIE that he was happy to win two medals for the nation. "I have served my country as a politician and now as a sportsman. I am thrilled and will participate in more events in the future," he said. He participated in the 80-plus category in the two hurdles events at the WMAC.

"Since my childhood, I have always been interested in sports. I started participating in international athletic events in 2006 and have won many medals," said Jacob, who represented Piravom in the state assembly from 2006 to 2011.

The octogenarian said he was close to achieving a silver medal in both the categories at the WMAC. "I need a little more improvement in my practice to compete with the Europeans, who are difficult to defeat," said Jacob, who's determined to win a gold for India next year. Jacob, who also served as Thirumarady panchayat president and Ernakulam district panchayat member in 1981-82 and 1998-99 respectively, will return to India on July 13 from Finland after attending the closing ceremony.

EDITORIAL

"I get sillier as I get older, so I don't know what wisdom means. I can only pass on something ... and let whomever it is pick the bones out of it

Dame Judi Dench

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— Ramnath Goenka

PEOPLE'S POWER PURGES LANKA OF RAJAPAKSAS

The fleeing of Gotabaya Rajapaksa ahead of protesters storming the Presidential palace in Colombo finally brought the curtain down on the notorious rule of his powerful clan. From a war hero who pulled the teardrop-shaped nation out of a bleeding decades-long ethnic conflict and put it on the road to peace, his fall from grace was total. That he remained in denial about the colossal human cost the nation paid for ending the war against the LTTE, as thousands of innocent civilian Tamils were slaughtered during its last days under his watch as defence minister, was already a blot on his career. Yet, voters gave him a second chance following the Easter Sunday terror attacks on churches in 2019 based on his robust national security track record. But economic mismanagement coupled with the clan's corruption, the crippling Chinese debt burden and the suicidal policy of ban on chemical fertilizers amid the pandemic eroded foreign currency reserves, took food out of the shelves, made fuel scarce and reduced the nation to a basket case.

Gotabaya's brother and prime minister Mahinda fled under similar circumstances a couple of months ago after his instigation of party goons to use force to end popular protests went horribly wrong. Gotabaya then ran Sri Lanka by proxy to deflect public anger by installing the weakest opposition leader Ranil Wickramasinghe as prime minister. Amid Saturday's uprising, Ranil offered to resign but that could not avert an arson attack on his private residence at Colombo. With protesters achieving their objective of smoking out the Rajapaksas, they ought to restore order by peacefully going back home. Lanka needs massive international financial aid but its second-biggest creditors, Japan and China, are cagey. Global institutional funds come with loads of strings. India alone is consistently extending humanitarian support with lines of credit for food and fuel, but they are at best band-aids for a haemorrhaging economy.

Going forward, an all-party government appears to be in the works. The agitators must know that there is no magic wand to end the crisis. The process to put money back into people's pockets would be long and hard, requiring sacrifices. There are no quick fixes.

PASSENGER SAFETY PARAMOUNT ON PLANES

It's a one-two punch on Indian airlines as safety concerns mount, even as service and manpower issues including pilots and crew shortage, flight delays and cancellations seem to acquire permanent status. On Wednesday, aviation regulator DGCA slapped a show-cause notice on SpiceJet following eight technical malfunctions in just 18 days. It pulled up the airline for failing to establish 'safe, efficient and reliable air services,' besides 'poor internal safety oversight' and 'inadequate maintenance actions'.

IndiGo and Vistara too reported similar technical glitches such as engine failure, or smoke in the aircraft taking the count of mid-air safety incidents to 21 in a few months. Such recurring snags raise concerns about the airworthiness of the plane, denting passenger confidence. The Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017 classify such occurrences as accidents, serious incidents and incidents. Usually, incidents don't cause casualties, but passenger safety is paramount and as Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia tweeted, "even the smallest error hindering safety" cannot be ignored and thoroughly investigated and course-corrected. This is essential to prevent safety concerns from impeding the aviation sector's recovery following the pandemic-induced loss of business. As it is, rising ATF prices and staff shortages are affecting its growth.

The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020 gave DGCA legal status to investigate aviation accidents and incidents and keep track of all aviation regulations besides enforcement of civil air regulations, air safety and airworthiness standards. A recent Parliamentary Standing Committee report flagged several issues of aviation safety and gave multiple recommendations, chief among them being stepping up spot checks, inspections, and audits to prevent the recurrence of avoidable technical glitches. Ironically, DGCA itself is short-staffed and needs qualified officials. It also requires urgent reforms including streamlining DGCA into a purely regulatory authority and hiving off its additional function as an investigator of accidents/incidents into a separate entity. This will align with international norms and be timely.

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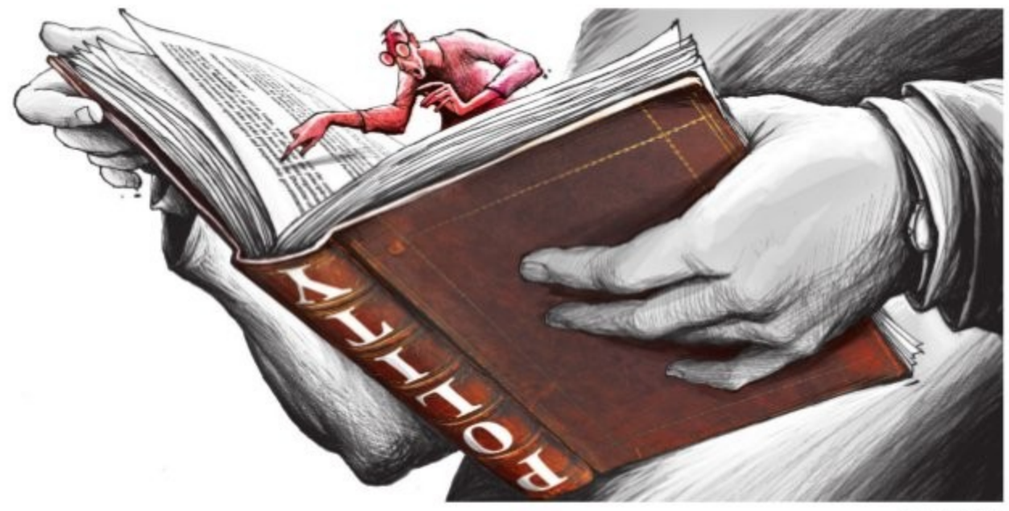
THE CHANGING SEMANTICS OF INDIAN POLITY



SOUMYADIP SINHA

K JAYAKUMAR

Former Kerala chief secretary and ex-VC, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone. "it means just what I choose it to mean-neither more nor less."
"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things."

This much-quoted conversation from 'Alice in Wonderland' is no kid stuff. It alludes to the riddle of words and their meanings, how a word acquires its 'agreed-upon meaning' and how meanings undergo change and when. Meanings change by semantic expansion or restriction, semantic deterioration or amelioration. Semantic shift happens all the while as language is a living force.

However, this natural shift of meanings does not cause any disruption in social life. Tensions and communication hiatus are created when political power uses semantic manipulation with clear objectives and targets. Political movements always use this technique effectively and often for benevolent ends. During our Independence struggle, political linguistics was well used with several words acquiring new meanings. Expressions like Bharat Mata and Vande Mataram for instance outgrew their limited boundaries to convey far more intense patriotic feelings.

In today's India, we witness the strategic distortion and deterioration of the agreed meanings of quite a few familiar words. The ruling party and the government through concerted and targeted communication have been tweaking the meanings of cardinal words to their desire, delight and design. Familiar words are invested with strange meanings. Words such as nationalism, patriotism, citizenship, minority, culture, etc., now have acquired hitherto unimagined meanings. Their old meanings are almost discarded like expired credit cards. Simultaneously, a tamed mass media take upon itself the task of popularising these new meanings. The zealous social media and hyper-loyal anchors go to unimaginable extents to doctor videos and twist facts to substantiate the new meanings minted by the party and the regime.

It is axiomatic that any text without a context is a pretext. To hammer in the new meanings to the old words, suitable contexts are essential. National security and national pride are the preferred matrix around which narratives are woven to create contexts and install new meanings. When India today endorses declarations in international forums and multilateral platforms upholding media freedom, democratic right to dissent, freedom of expression, inclusive growth, and such lofty ideals, they often appear as doublespeak as they jar with real-life situations.

Nonetheless, they set the background to sharp-focus the new narratives required to legitimise new meanings. Using the language of virtuous ideals even as practices are contradictory is a strategy to distort meanings. Consistent use of democratic rhetoric for undemocratic applications rewrites the definition of democracy in the public consciousness. It creates contradictions and disarray in national life with robust pillars shaking and trusted terra firma turning quagmire. Contradictions roam around like fearless jackals. Individual rights get crushed in the name of rule of law, complete with the bulldozer and non-bailable arrest warrants.

While the environmentally responsible governance with a thrust on renewable energy and carbon neutrality is the accepted narrative, the eco-sensitivity norms are merrily diluted and the new four-lane mountain highway project connecting the 'char dhams' that threatens the fragile Himalayan ecosystem is green signalled without any qualm. With no solution in sight for the highest-ever unemployment, spiralling prices, fall in rupee value, farm crisis, jobless growth, increasing hunger and general distress in the post-Covid recession, leaders show the victory sign to an embittered people and speak the language of infallibility and glory.

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Hitherto respected and valued words are facing an existential crisis by the steady depletion of meanings. As per the new lexicon, liberal democracy is all about duties, secularism is the right of the majority community to have its way, human rights activism is anti-national, criticism and dissent are seditious, plurality is condescending tolerance of the other, volunteerism is subversion on the sly, political morality is smart politics sans morality, scientific temper is the pride in unsubstantiated feats in mythology, freedom of academics and institutions is the opportunity to sing paeans and play second fiddle to power. Anyone pursuing the old meanings of freedom, human rights and liberal democracy has to necessarily encounter the new lexicon of distorted meanings.

The State reacts with such vehemence against these moonwalkers that it can kill their spirit forever. It is also a signal to potential dissenters. The strange sight of indignant public interest petitioners becoming the accused overnight is a typical case of semantic shift. Pertinently, the instant arrest of Teesta Setalvad and K B Sreekumar did not shock the nation sufficiently. For, in the past few years, our society has already consumed in small doses the hemlock of lowered expectations. Fear and self-censoring have already replaced open debates. Imagined phobias and constructed enemies are distorting the vocabulary of history and social justice.

Whenever such massive semantic shifts of well-established ideas have taken place in history, their consequences have not been happy for humankind. The immediate result of this Babel-like situation is the collapse of communication among fellow citizens. The common fabric of shared meanings is tattered.

For instance, democracy and secularism no longer mean what they used to signify in Nehru's India. When the fearless exchange of ideas among the citizens has broken down as a result of semantic subversion, the flow of communication from the top to the bottom becomes the only worthwhile channel of ideation and grandstanding. That gives the leaders freedom to choose their preferred meaning for every word. And that indeed is an ominous power. Will history retrieve the lost meanings?

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THE CREDO OF LIVE AND LET LIVE

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

Guru Poornima is on Wednesday and I remember the Mahaswami of Kanchi, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati (1894-1994). He did a lot to revive Hinduism with many an initiative like the conservation and repair of old temples, his ecumenical approach to differing sects, and bringing lost prayers to the public, be it the *Vinayaka Agaval* or the *Thiruppugazh*. What is perhaps forgotten in today's contentious times is that he was a pluralist or rather, a universalist.

In the 1960s, he is said to have single-handedly saved the mosque next to his ashram in Kanchipuram from demolition by the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. He apparently remonstrated, "Why? We worship the same God," and the Chief Minister reportedly dropped his plans, abashed.

The Kanchi Mahaswami is further said to be the person who gave MG Ramachandran the socially transformative idea of the mid-day meal for poor school children, saying that it was hard to imbibe knowledge on an empty stomach. With such personalities in our history who aimed to uplift the public, we don't lack inspiring examples in the Guru department although it's the charlatans who repeatedly steal the headlines. The Kanchi Mahaswami's universalistic view of the world can be attributed directly to the Upanishads, that 'God is One'.

I discovered to my great amazement that many gurus, even the reformers and iconoclasts, talked about the one-ness and universality of God in exactly the same words as the Upanishads. This knowledge is unaccountably kept from us although it stares us in the face.

The Upanishadic view is that God is 'like oil in the sesame seed, ghee in milk, scent in flowers and fire in firesticks'. Guru Nanak said, *'Puhapmadh jiu baas basat hai, mukarmah jaisi chhayi, Taise hi hai Hari nirantar, ghat hi khojabhai'*. 'Like scent in a flower and your reflection in the mirror, so is God inside you, look within, brother.' Interestingly, the late KPS Gill who put down terrorism in Punjab in the nineties, once sat me down at a party and delivered a discourse on Guru Nanak and the *Upanishads*. Perhaps we were not told these things at school as a matter of course because we were expected to learn by osmosis?

Take Kabirdas who is widely celebrated for his 'Nirgun' or abstract verses. That Nirgun is none but the 'Self' described in the *Upanishads*. Says Kabir, *'Jaise til mein tel hain, jyun chakmak mein aag, Tera Swami tujh mein hai, tu jag sakey toh jaag'*. 'Like oil in sesame seeds and fire in fire sticks, your God is within you, awaken if you can.'

This view is also heard in Namasankirtanam concerts in the famous Kabir *bhajan*, *'Andar Rama ho, bahar Rama'*, meaning Rama, the euphemism here for 'God', is within and without everywhere. You find a similar universality of spirit in the Tamil devotional song by the late Nagore Hanifa, *'Iraivanidam kai yendhungal'*, 'Lift your hands to the Lord'.

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Essentially, the *Bhakti* tradition, though replete with 'Sagun' or the personalised view of God, is nevertheless built on the premise of God's one-ness and universality.

A story I like to retell is about Tulsidas. The 16th-century author of the *Ramcharitmanas* wrote his 'people's Ramayana' in Awadhi, the everyday dialect of his region, to simplify matters for the common man. The history of religion changed forever in North India with the *Ramcharitmanas* though not perhaps quite as Tulsi envisaged.

Tulsi, as noted by Ramayana scholars, observed that the public was prone to be easily impressed and misled by all kinds of fantastical ascetics and their doctrines.

He disapproved of yogis who grew long nails, bound their hair in extravagant coils, wore strange ornaments and dressed bizarrely for the fairground. He is noted as saying in *Vinaya Patrika*, a work in Brajbhasha, *'Bahumat muni bahupanth puranani, jahan-tahan jhagaro so'*. 'The seers profess many opinions; there are many old stories about many paths to salvation, and quarrels all over the place'.

He submitted that real religion was much less complicated, that it was a direct connection between a soul and universal God, whom he was personally taught by his guru to address as Rama.

Therefore, Tulsi's spiritual advisory for people living out their lives in this *Kaliyuga* was brief and straightforward: *'Kalyug jog na jagya na gnana, Ekaadhar Ram gun gaana'*. 'In Kaliyuga, neither austerity, nor sacrifice nor deep knowledge is required, singing in praise of Rama is the only path to salvation'.

Regarding *Kaliyuga*, what most of us want is an easy death and a stress-free life, *'Anayasena maranam, vinadainyena jivanam'*. To pass the time between birth and death in religious agitation seems a great pity when we have better examples to follow. May this Guru Poornima point us to the peace essential to a happy life.

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Back to the 1500s

This is with reference to *Jagan elected lifetime prez of YSR Congress* (July 10). This takes a reader back to the medieval times, when kings ruled for life. The reason we have a representative democracy—with a certain term for an office-bearer—is to ensure that the system stays transparent. If YSRCP gets a majority in general elections, maybe they will even have a lifetime CM. This will harm the democracy.

P R V Raja, email

Kudos to Jagan

Jagan exudes a certain confidence that is not seen even in Yogi Adityanath of UP or Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kudos to him for this. Keeping this aside, I still feel that this move does not align well with the basic tenets of democracy. This could encourage an autocratic leadership that could morph into dictatorship. It is always better to fix the tenure of a party president; a one-man show never works.

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

A lesson to learn

This is with reference to *Sri Lanka plunges into chaos* (July 10). Sri Lankan people storming into the presidential palace reminds one of the storming of the Bastille in 1789. Even if both Gotobaya and Ranil step down, the solution seems blurry. Some state governments in India must learn a lesson from this and avoid pampering people with freebies and encouraging idleness and dependency.

Parthasarathy Mandadi , Tirupati

Power of people

Sri Lanka's government failed to fulfill its duties in controlling inflation and preventing an economic crisis. The people stepped in, stormed the Presidential palace and forced Rajapaksa to resign. If governments fail to keep their word, citizens will take matters into their own hands.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Colourless judgements

This is with reference to the editorial *Politics harming judicial independence* (July 10). Kudos to Prabhu Chawla for writing this piece on the judgemental inaccuracies borne out of impulsive imputation. Solecism prevalent in individuals, families, politicians, etc., can be set right only by the judiciary. And it should be totally free from personal predilections and societal compulsions. India should opt for meaningful judicial reforms in a transparent manner.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Independent judiciary

This is with reference to the editorial *Politics harming judicial independence* (July 10). It is harmful when politics intertwines with the judiciary. Indian politicians often get favourable outcomes in courts when their party is in power. Isn't an independent and impartial judiciary the central tenet of democracy?

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
'Modi-Mitr' Sarkar at its crony best! For 'ease of snatching' forest land, BJP govt has come up with new FC Rules, 2022 diluting UPA's Forest Rights Act.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
Would advise BJP Troll-In-Charge for Bengal to tell his masters to stop commenting on things they have no clue about.

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
Nearly 10.05 million people, including private citizens and former government employees, use digital life certificates to claim pension payments.

Ukraine recalls envoy from India, 4 nations

Zelensky's office gave no reason behind move; Igor Polikha, ambassador to India, has been most vocal against Russia

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

Igor Polikha

Vyacheslav Yatsyuk

Andriy Melnyk

Liubov Nepop

Yevhen Perebyinis

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday dismissed several of Kyiv's senior envoys abroad, including India's, according to the presidential website. In a decree that gave no reason for the move, he announced the sacking of Ukraine's ambassadors to India, Germany, Czech Republic, Norway and Hungary.

It was not immediately clear if the envoys would be handed new jobs. Igor Polikha, Ukraine's ambassador to India, was amongst the most vocal proponents of Ukraine's position in the conflict with Russia and constantly appealed to the Indian government to help.

Sources say that the Ukraine Embassy in India was taken aback by the announcement as it came all of a sudden. However, they also say that Ambassador Igor had worked in India for over seven years and it was time for him to return.

Igor was concurrently the envoy for Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Last month, while speaking with TNIE, Ambassador Igor said that he was hoping India would help rebuild Ukraine post the conflict. No dates of his departure have been fixed yet, nor his replacement announced. There is no clarity on whether he would be redeployed as another country's envoy.

Apart from him the envoys that have been recalled include Andriy Melnyk (Germany), Liubov Nepop (Hungary), Vyacheslav Yatsyuk (Norway) and Yevhen Perebyinis (Czech Republic). Ukraine's envoy to Germany, Andriy Melnyk, was one of their most outspoken envoys. He once accused German chancellor Olaf Scholz of behaving like an "offended liver sausage" when Chancellor Scholz did not accept an invitation by the Ukrainian president to visit Kyiv. Some reports suggest that he could be appointed as Foreign Minister in Kyiv.

Ukraine and Germany are currently at odds with each other over a German made turbine that has to be sent to Russian gas company Gazprom. Kyiv is against the turbine being returned to Russia as they allege it would violate sanctions. However, the fact is that the turbine will be returned to Russia after it undergoes maintenance in Canada shortly. "This rotation is a normal part of diplomatic practice," President Zelensky had said in the statement that mentioned the envoys recall which was referred to as dismissal. However, it was not clear if the envoys would be assigned new positions.

PROPOSED BILL

Tree-cutting: ₹500 fine may replace 6-month jail

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

A fine of ₹500 replaces 6 months imprisonment for illegal cutting of trees in the forest, trespassing, and taking timber, according to the new proposed amendment to India Forest Act, 1927 by the union environment ministry as a move to decriminalize some of the green violations. The ministry is undertaking a review of the Forest Act for amendments in certain sections of the Act. The exercise is focused on decriminalisation of relatively minor violations of law, expeditious resolution through the compounding of relatively smaller offenses, reducing the compliance burden on citizens, rationalization of penalties, and preventing harassment of citizens.

The Forest Act provides the legal framework for the protection and management of Forest, transit of Forest produce and timber, and the duty leviable on timber and other forest produce. IFA is an umbrella Act, which provides the basic architecture for the management of forests in the country including providing a mechanism to ensure notification of reserved, protected, and village forests, protection of Forest Resources, and Forest biodiversity & wildlife of the country. The Act also provides certain acts which are prohibited or not allowed in forests for the protection and conservation of forests. In case of non-compliance with the provisions, directions are issued that the violator will be punished with up to 6 months imprisonment and ₹500 fine.

"At times there are difficulties in differentiating between a major and minor offense and because of that punishment is often not distinct. This abuts habitual offenders to commit more crimes as there is the same level of punishment for both first-time and repeat offenders. Hence there is a need to incorporate differential Penal provisions in the Act by amending it," said the ministry.

'For RSS, majority & minority not different'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

> We consider 130 crore people of India as Indians and as our own. That's the Sangh's line of thought
>
> SUNIL AMBEKAR, RSS' publicity in-charge

A day after an RSS top body meeting criticising Muslim community for its 'lukewarm response' over Udaipur killing, senior leader Sunil Ambekar, RSS' publicity in-charge, said that the Sangh doesn't differentiate people on the basis of caste and religion. Talking to this daily, Ambekar said that the national interest is the top priority of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Sangh considers Indians as one and the outfit is working towards uniting them, he added.

The three-day annual meeting of the saffron body, which concluded on Saturday, discussed a number of crucial issues such as Udaipur killing, recent row over movie posters of Hindu Goddess Kali among others.

The meeting held in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu was attended by many prominent leaders such as RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale and others.

"We consider 130 crore people of India as Indians and as our own. That's the Sangh's line of thought," said Ambekar.

When asked about BJP's new thrust on backward Muslims and Christians, Ambekar said that the BJP as a separate entity will have its own strategies. "As a political party, BJP will have their own plans and strategies. However, the Sangh doesn't differentiate between minority or majority communities. We want everyone to work together," he said.

During the recently held National Executive meeting of the BJP, Prime Minister Modi had exhorted all leaders to reach out to minorities such Pasmanda Muslims, Christians and other deprived sections of the society. The party felt that minorities need to feel more secure about joining it.

RSS is considered as the ideological mentor of the ruling BJP. "RSS wants national interests to be served. The national integrity is our top priority," he added.

Reiterating the Saffron outfit's stand on Udaipur murder, he said that though the Hindu community responded in a peaceful manner, the Muslim community should have come out more in numbers to condemn the heinous act.

MODI TO BE BJP POLL 'MASCOT' IN 3 OPPOSITION-RULED STATES

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IT is now almost decided that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will refrain from projecting any leader as Chief Ministerial face at least in three prominent Opposition-ruled states namely Rajashthan, Chhattisgarh and Telangana. The party, according to sources, will contest the elections on the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his popular slogan "Saab Ka Saath, Saab Ka Vikas".

In two out of these three opposition-ruled states, namely Rajashthan and Chhattisgarh, the BJP is still facing 'factionalism' over the leadership in the state unit of the party. "At a time, when the people have reposed trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, be it in national politics or state politics, it is a golden time for the BJP to cash in on Modi magic and the collective leadership of the party instead of banking on state CM faces," a senior BJP leader told this newspaper.

The assembly elections are scheduled in many states like Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Rajashthan, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Nagaland, Telangana and other states in 2023.

As some BJP insiders shared, the party has started creating the bases for tough electoral battle in TRS-ruled Telangana and the Congress Party-ruled Rajashthan and Chhattisgarh.

"In Rajashthan and Chhattisgarh, the BJP is facing factionalism over the issue of state leadership. In Rajashthan, the factionalism within the party has surfaced many times in recent past. Despite all efforts of senior central leadership, factionalism has not stopped in these states. So, the party has decided to fight the election under the leadership of PM Modi instead of projecting any as the party's CM face," said source.

Sources said that the party is likely to go in the assembly elections under the its own chief ministers like Bhupendra Patel in Gujarat, Jairam Thakur in Himachal Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan in MP, Basavraj Bommai in Karnataka and Manik Saha in Tripura.

"In Opposition ruled states, we can win the elections only with the support of Modi magic. Our central leadership will decide the leadership for leading the state after the polls", said BJP source. He said that nobody can deny that the 80-90% people, even in the state assembly election, have been found during a survey voting under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "*Log ab sochta hai ki Modi ji bola hai to Vikash hoga rajye me bhi. Aur ye factor kamal ke liye bahut kaamal kar raha hai pratiyek rajya ke election mein* (People now think that if Modiji has spoken, the development will take place in the state also. And this is doing wonder for the lotus now in every state elections)," remarked a senior BJP leader belonging to South India.

BJP's workshop to train cadres begins in Mt Abu

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A day after Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Jaipur, the Rajasthan BJP unit began its three-day state-level training-cum-workshop camp in Mount Abu, the hill station on the border of Gujarat. This camp comes about a year before assembly elections are to be held in Rajasthan but the internal tussle remains a big challenge for the party's return to power.

The camp - the workshop was inaugurated on Sunday at the Gyan Sarovar campus of the Bramha Kumari organisation and will have several sessions over the next three days. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, State in-charge Arun Singh, State President Satish Punia, State Organization Minister Chandrashekhar, Leader of Opposition Gulabchand Kataria, Deputy Leader of Opposition Rajendra Rathod, including many office bearers were present.

PROMOTION MANTRA

Indian tourism may 'entice' foreigners Thai way

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

Thailand is known for attracting foreign tourists to its popular beaches

TAKING note of thriving tourism in geographically smaller Thailand, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture has suggested to the Tourism Ministry to study promotion strategy of the Southeast Asian country which known for its tropical beaches, opulent royal palaces and Buddhist temples and execute them to attract international visitors.

The parliamentary panel also opined that the ministry should adopt a proactive policy to promote tourist places in India which are at par with those abroad. "The committee recommends that the promotional tactics of Thailand to utilise diplomacy and tourism promotion to attract foreign tourists despite its small population and geographical area as compared to India may be assessed. Their tactics may be applied in the Indian tourism sector, if found beneficial for the growth of Inbound Tourism in India," reads the 326th report of the committee headed by BJP MP T G Venkatesh.

The panel further suggested to the Ministry of Civil Aviation exploring possibility of direct flights to Southeast Asian, Eastern European and South American countries, which have huge potential for increasing foreign tourist arrivals to India.

The panel is also of the opinion films featuring Indian locales noticeably facilitating tourism promotion hence it recommends lucrative incentives and sops to attract international filmmakers.

"The incentives offered by the Indian government appear to be meager compared to the international norms and the considerable payoffs. The Committee recommends that the Ministry of Tourism may review the incentives provided to foreign film producers as per internationally competitive rates," says the report, which was submitted last month.

Army enables mechanised forces with 'night-fighting' capabilities

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

Tanks pull back from the banks of Pangong Tso in Eastern Ladakh

INDIAN Army has succeeded in arming its mechanised forces with capability to not only detect its enemy fast even in dark but also has proceeded on an ambitious capability enhancement plan with the timeline set for 2023. The future inductions are planned keeping the war-fighting along the mountainous terrain of the Northern borders.

Sources confirmed that, "96% of our Armoured Fighting Vehicles today are night enabled and balance equipment will soon be upgraded."

"With specific reference to night enablement, the current range of night vision devices being employed are all based on Thermal Imaging Technology, which is passive and is capable of seeing farther, better and clearer," added the sources.

Year 2023 will bring in major capability enhancements as the Indian Army is working on "twin approach" to modernisation involving replacement of vintage equipment with futuristic platforms and capability enhancement of existing equipment through upgrades for enhancing night enablement; lethality and intelligence surveillance and recce (ISR) capability.

There are several upgrades and capability enhancement projects to be completed by 2023, told another source. "These include supplementary capabilities of drone jammers, autonomous surveillance drones, UCAVs, mini Remotely Piloted Aircrafts and swarm drones. All of them will be integrated with the armoured regiments in a very short period of time." he said.

The modernisation, as per source, will add to the mobility, detection and even attacking the enemy effectively. It is going to work on the weaknesses of the enemy on both western borders and the northern borders.

Apart from this, "light tanks and FRCV are being planned to be inducted to cater for contingencies of future warfighting along the Northern borders." said a senior officer.

POWER GAMES

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BATTLE ROYALE

A QUEER TWIST IN THE SEBI-SAHARA REFUND TALE

The long-standing SEBI-Sahara tussle over payment of dues to depositors/bondholders of Sahara companies has come full circle. Stock market regulator SEBI had asked the Supreme Court to direct Sahara to deposit ₹ 62,600 crore in a joint SEBI-Sahara refund account for repayment of dues. The Sahara India group claims to have deposited nearly ₹24,000 crore between 2012-15 in the escrow account following the Supreme Court order in 2012. SEBI was asked to refund this money to Sahara's investors whose dues were pending. It is now reported that in the last nine years, SEBI has been able to refund only Rs 138 crore out of the ₹24,000 crore received in its account. The regulator has reportedly spent as much money on advertisement asking investors/depositors to come forth to claim their dues as it has spent on actual refunds so far. The money spent by SEBI on advertisement inviting Sahara investors to claim their dues has reportedly been upwards of ₹100 crore. Sahara claims that the reason why no one is coming forth to claim dues is because it has already paid off most of its investors. It also says that its original liability was nowhere near the figure mentioned by SEBI. The group is now seeking return of its money lying unused in the regulator's account. It says that since there are no more claims pending with the SEBI, there is no reason for the regulator to withhold its money. The battle that started with SEBI seeking money from Sahara has turned into one where Sahara is claiming money from SEBI.

DIPLOMATIC STROKES

GOVT'S MONGOLIAN OUTREACH BAFFLES MEA MANDARINS

India's decision to send four Buddha relics, which are bones of Lord Buddha, to Mongolia for twelve days has become a controversial issue within the government. Union minister Kiren Rijiju had accompanied the relics to Mongolia with a delegation of culture ministry officials. The relic was displayed in the Gandan Monastery, which was visited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Mongolia visit. The government had made an exception by sending the relic abroad. The relic is classified as an AA category antiquity and is kept in controlled climate conditions. The ministry of culture guidelines prohibit transport of AA category relics. They are not even allowed to be shifted within country. The guidelines relating to these rarest antiquities were drafted by the NDA government in 2014. The Union government had earlier turned down requests from Sri Lanka, South Korea and Thailand for the display of this relic in these countries. The question being asked in South Block is how will the country refuse future requests after the relic's Mongolian outing. The ministry of culture too is wondering what was the point in rating the relic as 'AA' when it is being allowed to tour the world. Sources said that the request to send the relic to Mongolia was made by the Prime Minister's Office. Instead of informing the PMO about the restrictions in AA category, the babus of the ministry of culture readily agreed. The culture ministry's decision will either cause damage to the relic in the long run or create diplomatic trouble for the country.

TRADING BLUES

RUSSIA MOUNTS PRESSURE FOR A PAYMENT MECHANISM

The delay in setting up rupee-rouble payment mechanism has resulted in a big pile-up of dues on account of imports from Russia. Russia is the fourth largest supplier of crude oil to India and is our sixth largest trade partner. India buys from Russia large amounts of fertilisers, coal, edible oil, besides crude oil and spares for the defence forces. The western sanctions against Russia following its invasion of Ukraine had disrupted the existing payment mechanisms. The two sides have since been exploring alternative ways to make payments. The rupee-rouble exchange mechanism was the one preferred by both sides. But in spite of several meetings between the two sides, there has not been much progress on this front. Russia reportedly offered to send its foreign and finance ministers to thrash out the issues preventing the setting up of the mechanism. It had even suggested using the Chinese yuan-based platform for payments until the rupee-rouble deal is worked out. India has outrightly rejected the idea of using the Chinese platform. It has, however, failed to make a concrete proposal on how it plans to make the payments for the Russian imports. Sources said India has to pay billions of dollars for the goods already imported. Meanwhile, private India company UltraTeck Cement has paid in yuan for its import of coal from Russia. There are reports that many other private Indian companies are planning to use yuan to pay for their imports from Russia. Some other Indian companies have started setting up shops abroad with the aim of dealing with the payment issues. The absence of the government-mandated payment mechanism is forcing Indian companies to find their own solutions. Russia, meanwhile, awaits the government's decision on its preferred mode of payment.

MANDARIN LANGUAGE

In the backdrop of a lingering border row in eastern Ladakh, the Army has upscaled its efforts to impart Chinese language training to its personnel as part of the overall strategy to ramp up surveillance over the LAC.

2 HELD WITH 8 GM OF HEROIN BY MEGHALAYA POLICE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	29	Mumbai	30	26
Bhopal	29	24	Panaji	28	25
Jaipur	32	26	Patna	35	30
Amritsar	34	28	Lucknow	35	31
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	32	22	Chandigarh	37	29

Storm brews in Goa Cong, Lobo removed from post

Michael Lobo removed from leader of Opposition post, state party in-charge Dinesh Gundu Rao says Digambar Kamat to face music too

Union Home Minister Amit Shah with expelled Congress leader Kuldeep Bishnoi during their meeting in New Delhi on Sunday | PTI

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI/ RICHA SHARMA @ Mumbai/ New Delhi

AMID speculation of major defections in Goa Congress, Michael Lobo was removed from the post of leader of Opposition on Sunday. State party in-charge Dinesh Gundu Rao said action will also be taken against Congress MLA Digambar Kamat for engineering conspiracy against the party.

Rao said BJP is trying a 2/3 split in Congress so that these defectors do not face disqualification under the anti defections law. "The party has given everything to Mr Kamat, he was made chief minister of Goa even though he came from BJP while Lobo was made leader of Opposition despite opposition to his name. But both betrayed the party and people who elected them. We will choose a new leader of Opposition," Rao said.

He also alleged that BJP was trying to lure these Congress MLAs by giving huge sums. "The amount offered by BJP is huge. Our Mr Kamat and Lobo were involved in this conspiracy, and so we have taken action against them. The other five MLAs are with us. We will not allow BJP to break our party," Rao added.

The Congress' actions came after rumours were rife the entire day that eight of its 11 MLAs are likely to join the BJP during the monsoon session of Assembly that begins on Monday.

The Congress had sent Rao to handle the situation but only three MLAs had turned up for the joint press conference of the party held to show that all MLAs are by its side.

> **The party has given everything to Digambar Kamat, he was made CM even though he came from BJP while Lobo was made leader of Opposition**
>
> Dinesh Gundu Rao, Congress

Former Goa Congress chief Girish Chodankar has alleged that party MLAs were offered ₹40 crore to join the BJP. He said calls are being made to Congress legislators by industrialists and the coal mafia.

Earlier in the day, Rao met Lobo. Six MLAs, including Kamat, Lobo, his wife Delilah Lobo, Kedar Naik, and Rajesh Faldessai, had apparently expressed their willingness to join the BJP.

However, Lobo had refuted the rumours, saying, "The Assembly session is starting and one rumour has to be spread by somebody or the other."

Goa Assembly Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar on Sunday cancelled the notification for election to the post of deputy speaker, scheduled for July 12.

In the run-up to the Assembly polls March, Congress candidates were made to submit affidavits that they will not switch over to BJP in the presence of Rahul Gandhi during his visit to Goa. They had also taken vows before Mahalaxmi Temple in Panaji, Holy Cross Shrine and a mosque vowing not to switch over to the BJP.

Bishnoi meets Shah, Nadda; sparks talks of joining BJP

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

EXPELLED Congress MLA Kuldeep Bishnoi, who is the younger son of former Haryana chief minister, late Bhajan Lal, on Sunday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president JP Nadda in New Delhi, sparking speculation that he may join the saffron party soon.

The 53-year-old legislator from Adampur posted pictures of his meeting with the two leaders, and published a tweet heaping praises on them.

Last month Bishnoi, a four-time MLA and twice MP, was expelled from Congress after he was accused of cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha polls in which his party colleague Ajay Maken lost. He then removed his pictures with Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi on his social media profile and replaced them with photos with his father.

Earlier, Bishnoi had said it was necessary to break the arrogance of some people. "I have hit sixes on the last ball,'' he had said. He had also tweeted, "I know how to crush a snake's hood. I do not leave the jungle in fear of snakes.''

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar had said that Bishnoi was welcome to join BJP.

Bishnoi had been sulking ever since Udai Bhan, a loyalist of ex-CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, was made state Congress president

Fear of split looms as errant Maha Cong MLAs face action

CM Eknath Shinde and his wife Lata at Pandharpur temple on Sunday | PTI

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Congress is imploding not only in Goa, but in Maharashtra as well. Party high command has issued notices to take action against the seven MLAs who cross-voted and the 11 lawmakers who skipped the floor test in state Assembly session.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has asked senior leader Mohan Prakash to investigate the issue and submit a report. Among those who remained absent during the floor test was former CM Ashok Chavan.

However, some party members feel that after the fall of the Aghadi government, Congress is already in a fragile condition, and it should not stretch its fortunes further by taking the errant MLAs to task. "Congress has 44 MLAs in the 288-member Assembly. If the party decides to take action against 18 MLAs, then it will give them an opportunity to either form a separate group, like Eknath Shinde or join the BJP," a Congress leader said.

"Just on mere suspicion, we cannot accuse any MLA of cross-voting. This is a double-edged sword. The high command should avoid it," said another senior Congress leader.

Chavan has clarified that he did not remain absent deliberately. "If people want to play politics of groupism, they should come and speak to me in person," he said.

MUMBAI DIARY

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Maha politics in for *Bhaigiri* vs *Dadagiri*

Maharashtra's political scene will now be a contest between the two 'elder brothers' – *bhai* and *dada* – referring to the nicknames kept by newly-appointed CM Eknath Shinde and Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar in public circles. Pawar wields immense clout over administration with his disciplined functioning, while Shinde uses freehand tactics to get work done. It will be *Bhaigiri* versus *Dadagiri* in the days to come. On the first day of the assembly session, Pawar's witty but punching speech against ruling party leaders went viral. On the second day, Shinde outdid his soft-spokeness by dominating the house with his candid and revealing speech.

Nana wanted bill for offl bungalow waived

State Congress president Nana Patole had stepped down as the state Assembly speaker in February 2021 going on to be appointed as Maharashtra Congress chief. While he was expected to leave his officials bungalow located on Madame Cama Road in front of the state Mantralaya, he continued to enjoyed all facilities. But such allowances don't come free. If ministers stay beyond the official accord, then they have to pay as per government prescribed rates per sq ft. As per sources, the Congress chief then sought outgoing CM Uddhav Thackeray's ascent in waiving off his rent as the sum has run up to a 'big amount' – by using discriminatory chief ministers power. Last year, he even wanted the bungalow to be converted into the Congress office.

Shiv Sena 'journalists defect' to Shinde camp

CM Eknath Shinde not only broke away Shiv Sena by taking 2/3 of its MLAs, but he also took away the dedicated journalists who used to cover Shiv Sena since years. These journalist who had been on Shiv Sena beats were hardcore Shiv Sainik reporters, but the Eknath Shinde-led revolt parted them away from the original party. They now vie to curry favour with the newly-appointed CM. Shinde was successful in cutting off these scribes' natural bonding with Thackeray's Shiv Sena. Shinde may be low profile, but known to be well versed with PR and maintaining relationships across the sections of society. Thanks to his candid nature and getting-work-done approach.

Villagers 'burn alive' murder accused

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A man in Assam was allegedly burnt alive after a kangaroo court held him guilty of murdering a woman. The incident occurred at the remote Bor Lalung village in central Assam's Nagaon district. The deceased was identified as Ranjit Bordoloi.

The police picked up five persons, including three women, for questioning.

The body of the 22-year-old woman, Sabita Pator, was recovered from a pond on June 2 and the locals took it as a case of drowning. But later, another woman of the village claimed that Sabita was murdered by five persons. She claimed Bordoloi was the main culprit.

Nagaon Superintendent of Police, Leena Doley, said a public hearing was conducted at the village where Bordoloi was called. Villagers apparently dragged him out of his home, tied him to a tree and conducted the hearing, officials said.

"The villagers told us the charge against him was that he had murdered the woman and he admitted to it at the public hearing. The villagers also said he was subsequently beaten up and burnt alive. The body was also buried," the SP said, adding that whether the man was burnt before or after his death would be known after a forensic analysis.

"It was alleged that he practised witchcraft. However, we got information that the case is related to a land dispute. We are probing it," Doley added.

After being tipped off, the police visited the village on Saturday and exhumed the body in the presence of a magistrate. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination.

"When we reached the spot last night, most of the men in the village had fled. The 'gaonburha' (village head) told us that he did not know about the 'gram sabha' and the subsequent murder," an official said.

Security has been bolstered in the area, the officer added.

Probe underway

According to the police, a public hearing was held at the village wherein villagers dragged the accused out of his home, tied him to a tree and conducted the hearing, Whether the man was burnt before or after his death would be known after forensic analysis.

BIHAR

Farmers facing drought threat, paddy-sowing hit

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

WITH 30 out of the total 38 districts of Bihar getting 20 percent less than normal rainfall, disappointment is writ large on the faces of farmers. The long dry spell is likely to hit the Kharif crop badly this year.

Five districts have received 64 percent less rainfall than normal, and paddy sowing could not start in Jamui, Kaimur and Rohtas districts till July 6, an agriculture official said. All these districts are located in south Bihar, which has been hit more.

West Champaran district has reported the maximum — 56 percent — paddy sowing, but it is progressing very slowly in 13 districts, worrying the farmers as well as the state government.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has directed officials from water resources, disaster management and agriculture departments to make alternate arrangements for irrigating farms in view of deficient rainfall. The government has decided to provide electricity to farmers for at least eight hours a day for operating electric water pumps and other agriculture works.

Presently, 15-20 percent paddy sowing has been done in the state, agriculture secretary N Saravana Kumar said. Monsoon is almost completely inactive in the state, with 192 mm rain recorded so far, 28 percent less than normal.

SAD, Cong attack Mann over Punjab 'rights'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

The Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) attacked AAP government and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday for "forfeiting the rights of Punjab" over the move to allot land in Chandigarh for the new Assembly building of Haryana.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal has asked Mann to immediately withdraw his statement on Chandigarh or be ready to face a fullscale agitation on this issue by Punjabis.

Badal said Mann had backstabbed Punjabis and marred their aspirations to not only regain Chandigarh, but also the Punjabi-speaking areas left behind in Haryana as well as its river waters.

"The chief minister had himself harmed the interests of the state during a meeting with the chief justice of the Punjab and Haryna High Court in which he demanded a separate piece of land for a high court building of the state. This demand gave Haryana a chance to seek land for a separate Vidhan Sabha in the union territory," he said.

"We will not let this conspiracy succeed at any cost and have called an emergency meeting of the party's core committee on July 12 to chalk out our plan," Badal added.

The leader of Opposition and Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa also criticised Mann for demanding land for a separate Assembly and High Court on the lines of Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar. "By surrendering our rights to heritage buildings, the CM is ensuring the permanent loss of Chandigarh," he said.

HARYANA TO GET 10 ACRES FOR NEW ASSEMBLY

Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administration (Union Territory) has agreed to allot a 10-acre site to Haryana government for the construction of a new Assembly building, as Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on Saturday. Sources said three sites are under consideration for the proposed Haryana Assembly building — a plot near the railway station light point to IT Park, a site at IT Park and another opposite Kalagram in Manimajra, with all these proposed sites bordering Panchkula in Haryana.

ASSAM

Activist dressed as Lord Shiva held for protest, released on bail

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A street play took a serious turn for an actor in Assam after he, dressed as Lord Shiva, criticised the government for the rising fuel prices. Birinchi Bora was detained briefly on Sunday after complaints were filed against him for allegedly hurting religious sentiments.

Disapproving of the arrest, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, the street play over current issues "is not blasphemous". He added that appropriate instructions were issued to the district police to release him.

In a video that went viral, Bora is seen wearing a Lord Shiva costume and riding a bike while a co-actor, dressed as Parvati, rides pillion. Their bike comes to a halt at one place as it runs out of petrol and he picks up a quarrel with her, angrily raising the issue of sky-rocketing prices of petrol, diesel, kerosene, and LPG cylinders. He also criticised the Narendra Modi government over the rising problem of unemployment, and said people are suffering even though good days were promised to them.

> **Bora was detained for hurting religious sentiments, showing disrespect towards women, attempting to create disharmony and also under Motor Vehicles Act for not wearing shoes and helmet**
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> Police

Their act, performed on the road near Nowgong College Clock Tower Point, however, soon landed them at a police station after it drew the attention of some right wing organisations. The district units of Bajrang Dal and VHP separately lodged two FIRs at Nagaon Police Station.

Birinchi Bora staged a street play dressed in Lord Shiva costume to protest against rising fuel prices and other issues | EXPRESS

Bora was detained for " hurting religious sentiments, showing disrespect towards women, attempting to create disharmony among communities and also under Motor Vehicles Act for not wearing shoes and helmet during the play on the road," Nagaon Superintendent of Police Leena Doley said.

"A case was registered but as his detention was under bailable sections (of the IPC). We issued a notice and released him," the SP said.

The woman, who played the character of Goddess Parvati, could not be traced thus far,

The arrest of Bora, a former general secretary of Nowgong College Students Union, was widely condemned on social media.

The Assam chief minister then took to Twitter, and said, "Nukad Natak on current issues is not blasphemous. Dressing up is not a crime unless offensive material is said."

U'khand bans pork sale amid swine flu scare

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

INCREASING cases of swine fever have set the alarm bells ringing in Uttarakhand, with the state animal husbandry department imposing a ban on the sale of pork and transportation of pigs in the entire state.

As many as 192 pigs have died due to the ailment in Pauri and Dehradun districts.

The affected pig farm operators will be given compensation by the state government as per the norms, state Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Minister Saurabh Bahuguna told this newspaper.

Officials from the animal husbandry department said as a preventive measure, the areas affected have been marked out. Dr PVR Purushottam, secretary, animal husbandry, said: "Though it is an airborne disease, it poses no danger to human beings or to animals except pigs. As a precautionary measure, the government has made a one-km radius area as infective zone and 10-km radius area as surveillance zone."

Swine fever has been confirmed in the samples send to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, and the National Institute of High Security Animal Disease, Bhopal.

Out of the total 500 pigs in Dehradun, 104 have died due to the disease whereas in Pauri, 90 out of 111 died.

Once reports arrive from Bhopal, culling process will be adopted, officials said.

US & EU urge Sri Lankan parties to ensure orderly transition, stability

Blinken gives it a Russian spin, ties crisis to possible bar on export of grains from Ukraine

COLOMBO

THE European Union (EU) and the US urged Sri Lanka's political fraternity to cooperate, focus and work quickly to achieve a peaceful, democratic and orderly transition amid the island nation's worst economic and political crisis in decades.

Rajapaksa would resign on July 13, Parliament Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said on Saturday night, while Prime Minister Wickremesinghe has already expressed his willingness to step down.

In Washington, a State Department spokesperson said the US calls on the Sri Lankan parliament to approach this juncture with a commitment to the betterment of the nation, not any one political party.

"We urge this government or any new, constitutionally selected government to work quickly to identify and implement solutions that will achieve long-term economic stability and address the Sri Lankan people's discontent over the worsening economic conditions, including power, food and fuel shortages," the spokesperson said.

The spokesman also warned against attacks on protesters or journalists, but also criticised Saturday's violence.

In Brussels, the European Union said it was closely following the evolving situation in Sri Lanka.

"We are closely following developments in Sri Lanka, and call on all parties to cooperate and focus on a peaceful, democratic and orderly transition," according to a statement released by the EU.

A man checks the debris of the burnt private residence of prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in Colombo, Sri Lanka on Sunday | AP

The EU said it is assessing the available options to further step up its support to Sri Lanka's population.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Sunday that Russia's restriction on Ukrainian grain exports may have contributed to Sri Lanka's turmoil and voiced fear it could spur other crises.

"We're seeing the impact of this Russian aggression playing out everywhere. It may have contributed to the situation in Sri Lanka; we're concerned about the implications around the world," Blinken told reporters in Bangkok.

Renewing a demand that he has made repeatedly, Blinken called on Russia to let an estimated 20 million tonnes of grain leave Ukraine, which Moscow invaded in February.

"What we are seeing around the world is growing food insecurity that has been significantly exacerbated by the Russian aggression against Ukraine," Blinken said.

Nevertheless, Washington has over the past two months offered $120 million in new financing for Sri Lankan small and medium-sized businesses, a $27 million contribution to Sri Lanka's dairy industry and $5.75 million in humanitarian assistance to help those hit by the economic crisis.

The US has also committed $6 million in new grants to provide livelihood assistance to vulnerable population, and technical assistance on financial reform to stabilise the economy. *Agencies*

Protesters find wads of notes at Gota's house

COLOMBO

The anti-government protesters in Sri Lanka who stormed embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's official residence have claimed to have recovered 17.85 million Sri Lankan Rupees inside his mansion.

A video was being shared on social media showing the protesters counting the currency notes that were unearthed.

Protesters said they had found 17,850,000 Sri Lankan Rupees at the President's official residence on Sunday when they stormed into the mansion after breaking the barricades. They have handed over the cash to the local police.

Hundreds of anti-government protesters on Saturday stormed into Rajapaksa's residence in central Colombo's high-security Fort area, as they demanded his resignation over the island nation's worst economic crisis in recent memory.

Another group of protesters entered the private residence of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and set it on fire.

The President's whereabouts is still not known. His only communication has been with the Parliament Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. *PTI*

Two bar shootings leave 19 dead in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

TWO bar shootings, one in a township close to Johannesburg, the other in eastern South Africa, left 19 dead, police said on Sunday as they tried to verify if the murders were linked.

In Soweto, 15 people were killed as they enjoyed a night out, police said, when assailants drew up in a minibus taxi and began randomly firing high-calibre guns at drinkers.

Police in the eastern city of Pietermaritzburg, in KwaZulu-Natal, reported four people were killed and eight wounded in a bar when two men fired discriminately at customers.

For the police, it was too early to say if the assaults were in some way connected, but they observed their similarity.

In Soweto, Johannesburg's largest township to the southwest of South Africa's economic capital, police were called to the scene after midnight.

"When we arrived at the scene, 12 people were dead with gunshot wounds," police officer Nonhlanhla Kubheka told *AFP*.Eleven people were taken to hospital, and three later succumbed to their wounds. Two women aged between 19 and 35 died, provincial police chief Elias Mawela told *AFP*. "According to witnesses they shot randomly," said Mawela, adding forensic police were still collecting evidence.There were no details about the assailants. "Nobody has been arrested. They came and shot at people who were having fun," said Kubheka, commander of the Orlando police station, the Soweto district where the shooting took place.

In Pietermaritzburg, four people were killed and eight wounded around 8:30 pm on Saturday, local police spokesman Nqobile Gwala said. *AFP*

Race for Britain PM widens with 9 in fray, Sunak at forefront

LONDON

BRITISH Indian former Cabinet minister Rishi Sunak maintained his lead as the race to replace Boris Johnson as Conservative Party leader and next UK Prime Minister widened on Sunday with a total of nine candidates in the fray, with Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt emerging as an early second favourite.

Mordaunt shared a #pm4pm video to announce her candidacy, following Transport Secretary Grant Shapps, former Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Pakistani-origin former Health Secretary Sajid Javid.

The complete line-up so far for the leadership race includes Goan-origin Attorney General Suella Braverman, Iraqi-origin Nadhim Zahawi, Nigerian-origin Kemi Bedanoch and Tory backbencher Tom Tugendhat.

File photo of Rishi Sunak attending a cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street, London on May 24, 2022 | AP

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss is expected to declare her candidacy soon too, taking the total to 10 potential candidates in one of the widest battlefields for a Tory leadership race.

> **If I become Prime Minister, I will protect women's rights and ensure women...enjoy the same freedom most males take for granted...**
>
> Rishi Sunak, Former Chancellor

The 42-year-old son-in-law of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy had launched his bid with a pledge to restore trust, rebuild the economy and reunite the country.

He is yet to lay out his plans in full but has so far not indicated any immediate tax cuts if elected leader.

For a traditionally low-tax favouring Conservative Party, the focus of the race is expected to be on the candidates' plans to cut taxes.

However, the race to succeed Boris Johnson as British Prime Minister got bloody for the governing Conservative Party on Sunday, with reports of damaging briefings against frontrunner Rishi Sunak and even a so-called mucky memo or dirty dossier doing the Tory WhatsApp group rounds.

The 424-word attack seen by *The Sunday Telegraph* contains personal attacks branding the British Indian former Chancellor a schoolboy and a liar, who cannot be trusted on tax. Headlined 'Get Ready for Rishi', after Sunak's Ready4Rishi campaign launch, the memo reportedly brands him as having a 'Big Tax and Big Spend' agenda.

'It's coming from that Thatcherite wing of the party that was loyal to Boris,' the newspaper quoted a source as saying.

The memo criticises Sunak personally, saying he 'publicly lied' when seeking to explain his Indian wife Akshata Murty's legal non-domicile tax status.

The memo also attempts to tarnish the former Chancellor with Johnson's dubious partygate legacy of Covid law-breaking parties in Downing Street, saying: 'Like Boris, (he) landed a 'partygate' fine from the police for breaking lockdown rules'.

Tax, over which Sunak and Johnson are known to have clashed, will become a central focus of the leadership campaign. Sunak has been candid in declaring that tax can be cut only when finances and the global economic situation improve and urged in his campaign launch video to not be swayed by fairy tale promises. *PTI*

JAPAN'S EXIT POLLS

Ruling party set for big win after Abe's murder

TOKYO

JAPAN'S ruling coalition is projected to have won the most votes in an election held just two days after the assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, local media said Sunday.

The ex-premier's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its coalition partner Komeito are expected to claim between 70 and 83 of the 125 upper house seats up for grabs, according to national broadcaster *NHK*. Even before Abe's murder, the LDP and Komeito were expected to cement their majority, though the final number of seats will be scrutinised for signs of whether the attack bolstered support for them.

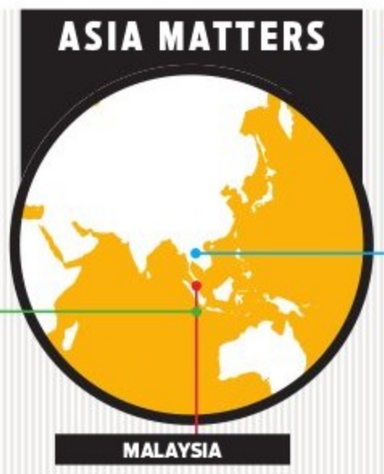
"I think it is significant we were able to complete the elections," Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told *NHK*, adding he wants to tackle the pandemic, Ukraine-related issues and inflation.

Kishida had insisted the election proceed despite the assassination, saying "we must never allow violence to suppress speech." Security at polling stations on Sunday remained normal, however, with 79-year-old Takao Sueki saying he was voting with an eye on international instability, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine. "Watching the world now, I think every day how Japan will manage with the situation," he told *AFP*.

"This is a democratic country and I despise the use of violence to eliminate someone," he added when asked about Abe's murder.

Abe's office told that a wake would be held on Monday night and funeral for family and close friends on Tuesday. Local media said both were expected to be held at Zojoji Temple. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS



INDONESIA

Celebrating Eid al-Adha amid FMD outbreak

A foot-and-mouth disease outbreak has disrupted ritual slaughter of animals to mark Eid al-Adha as millions of Muslims across Indonesia were celebrating one of the biggest holidays in the Islamic calendar Sunday. Eid al-Adha, known as the "Feast of Sacrifice," is a revered observance that coincides with the final rites of the annual hajj in Saudi Arabia. It's a joyous occasion for which food is a hallmark where devout Muslims buy and slaughter animals and share two-thirds of the meat with the poor. Much of Asia, including Indonesia, India and Pakistan, observed Eid al-Adha on Sunday, while Muslims in other parts of the globe, including in countries like Afghanistan, Libya, Egypt, Kenya and Yemen celebrated the holiday on Saturday

MALAYSIA

Container housing for 15 flood-hit families

Fifteen families have been given temporary housing after floods destroyed their homes, said Baling MP Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim. His team will build container housing in Masjid Raudhatul Falah grounds in Kampung Iboi. "I will also discuss with the 15 affected families for their consent... the mosque has also given its permission. The area in question is on high ground, therefore, it is safe," Rahim said

THAILAND

Three-pronged strategy for development

The Thailand government has introduced a three-pronged strategy to combat economic issues in the country, as per an announcement by Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha. The three cores—infrastructure, industrial development and banking—focus on eradicating poverty as well. With regards to infrastructure, the focus is on areas like roads, railways. The government hopes to have security, prosperity and connectivity. It also aims to have industrial development by bringing in affordable electric vehicles. In relation to the banking sector, it wants to ensure that all citizens have access to banking systems, etc. Gen Prayut also stressed on citizen cooperation which helped the country tackle the pandemic

Blinken raps ASEAN on Myanmar

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks during his visit to Thailand | AP

BANGKOK

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is criticising Southeast Asian nations for not doing enough to press Myanmar's military government to return the country to the path of democracy following last year's power seizure.

But as Blinken lamented the lack of progress in Myanmar, also known as Burma, he also moved to strengthen US ties with key regional ally Thailand — part of efforts to counter Chinese influence across the Indo-Pacific.

Speaking at a news conference in Bangkok, Blinken said it was unfortunate that repression in Myanmar was continuing nearly 18 months after the military takeover. And, he said he was disappointed that Myanmar's neighbors weren't applying pressure for it to end.

"I think it's unfortunately safe to say that we've seen no positive movement," Blinken told reporters.

Blinken took aim at Myanmar's neighbors in the ASEAN, which has been attempting to convince the military into implementing a five-point plan to return the country to a democratic path. *AP*

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
(SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO.3 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 20.06.2022)
CMP No.131/2017
(VIDEO CONFERENCING /PHYSICAL HEARING)
PETITIONER/S : SMT. SANIVARAPU SUDHA RANI
V/S
RESPONDENT/S : M/S VENKAT INFRA PROJECTS AND ANOTHER
TO:
PROPOSED RESPONDENT NO.3
SRI. HERACHAND LUNKAD,
S/o Late Champalal Lunkad, Aged about 60 years, C/o Mahaveer Metal Corporation, No.1099, Amrit Plaza, 1st Floor, K.M.Lane, O.T.C. Road Cross, Bengaluru-560002. ... **RESPONDENT/S**
Whereas the above named Petitioner ha filed a CMP on this Court Under Section 11(5) of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 as in the copy annexed hereunto.
Notice is hereby given to yo to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in this matter on **22.08.2022 at 10.30 AM,** in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this the 20th day of June 2022.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU DISTRICT AT BENGALURU [CCH - 3]
P& SC. No. 459/2022
BETWEEN:
Ms. SMITA DAS, Aged about 43 years, D/o. Late. Mr. Parayil Vijay Kumar and Late. Mrs. Chandrika Vijay Kumar Residing at Flat No. 202, Arvind Kapila, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Vijayashree Layout, Opp Hulimavu Gate Arakere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560 076. ....PETITIONER
AND
NIL ....RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in faovur of the petitioner, in respect of Schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by **late Sri. M. Parayil Vijay Kumar,** father of Petitioner herein who expired **on 18/07/2020.**
Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 11/08/2022 at 11:00 a.m.,** to inform and show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.
SCHEDULE
ITEM NO., 1: Life Insurance Policy issued by Life Insurance Corporation of India in favour of late Sri. Parayil Vijay Kumar bearing Policy No. 902177677 dated 07/02/2003 for a sum of **Rs. 10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only).
ITEM NO. 2: Life Insuadnce Policy issued by Life Insurance Corporation of India in favour late Sri. Parayil Vijay Kumar bearing Policy No. 902296534 dated 01/11/2003 for a sum of **Rs. 1,93,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Ninety-Three Thousand only).
ITEM NO. 3 : Life insurance policy issued by Life Insurance Corporation of India in-favour of late Sri. Parayil Vijay Kumar bearing Policy No. 617395716 dated 25/06/2015 for a sum of **Rs. 6,61,690/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty-one Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety only).
ITEM NO. 4 : Life Insurance Policy issued by Reliance Life Insurance Company Limited in favour of late Sri. Parayil Vijay Kumar bearing Policy Company No. 52761078 dated 28/09/2016. for a sum of **Rs. 2,88,695/-** (Rupees. Two Lakhs, Eighty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Five only)
ITEM NO. 5 : Savings Bank account held Jointly by the petitioner's parents i.e., late Sri. M. Parayil Vijay Kumar and late Smt. Chandrika Vijayakumar in Indian Overseas Bank, Goregaon, Mumbai, bearing Account No. 207001000008378 having withdrawal balance of **Rs. 2,96,436/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs, Ninety-six Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-six only).
Given under my hand and the seal of this court dated this the 8th day of July, 2022.
BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT, BANGALORE
Advocate for Petitioner
PRAKASH. V
P&P Advocates and Consultants,
Office at # 05, 2nd Floor, No. 201, 9th 'A' Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, (Near Banasawadi Sub-Registrar office) Bangalore - 560 043

KARNATAKA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
#1/14, 2nd Floor, Silver Jubilee Block, Unity Building Backside, CSI Compound, 3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027
NOTICE OF HEARING
(Service by way of Publication of Notice)
Complaint Nos: CMP/200112/0005200, CMP/200112/0005205, CMP/200113/0005206, CMP/200113/0005208,CMP/200113/5215, CMP/200115/0005229,CMP/201117/6397, CMP/201012/0006433,CMP/200902/0006492 &CMP/200112/0005199
-V/s-
Respondent: Namely **M/s.Aswani Properties**
Project Registration No.:
PR/KN/170731/000819
Name of the Promoter & Address:
M/s. Aswani Properties, No.50/7,
2nd Floor, 16th Main, 39th Cross,
Jayanagar 4th T Block, Bangalore-560041.
The Authority has issued notices to the respondent in the above complaints.
2. A final opportunity is given to the respondents to appear **on 27.07.2022 at 3.30PM** to file statement of objections and make any further submissions.
3. For further details as regards complaint the respondent may see the same from the website of the Authority or obtain the same from the office of the Authority. Respondent-promoter to note that failure to appear on the hearing date may result in passing exparte orders.
Sd/- **REGISTRAR,**
K-RERA

FORM No. NCLT. 3A
BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF MAJESTIC RESEARCH SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS LIMITED
CP (I.B.) No. 78/BB/2022
Export- Import Bank of India, A corporation established under the Export -Import Bank of India Act, 1981, having its head office at Centre One Building, Floor 21, World Trade Centre Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400005. ... **Financial Creditor**
-Versus-
Majestic Research Services and Solutions Limited, A Company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956, subsisting under the provisions of the Companies Act 2013 and having its registered office at 2nd Floor, Kalpak Arcade, No. 46/17, Church Street Bangalore-560001. ...**Corporate Debtor**
Advertisement in compliance of order dated 26.05.2022 in C.P. (I.B.) No. 78/BB/2022
Notice of petition
An application under Section 7 and 60 (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, read with Rule 4 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2016 has been presented by Export Import Bank of India on the Thirtieth (30th) day of March 2022 against Majestic Research Services and Solutions Limited (Respondent) before the Ld. National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru. The Hon'ble NCLT, Bengaluru by the order dated 26.05.2022 was pleased to issue notice to the Respondent. The said petition is fixed for hearing before the Bengaluru bench of National Company Law Tribunal on Twenty Seventh (27th) July, 2022. Accordingly, notice is hereby given to Respondent above named to make appropriate representation in the captioned matter on or before **27.07.2022** if desirous of opposing the said application, failing which the application will be proceeded with in absence of the Respondent above named.
Manu Kulkarni
Poovayya & Co.
Advocates and Solicitors,
The Estate, Level Four, 121, Dickenson Road, Bengaluru- 560042. Dated: 08.07.2022

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Crashing crypto: Is investors' money safe?

Most-popular Bitcoin tumbled to an 18-month low in June; Indian crypto industry also started seeing layoffs

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IN November 2021, Bitcoin, the largest cryptocurrency in terms of market capitalisation, touched its peak over $67,000, and there were rumours that it might touch $1,00,000.

But soon after that the industry started facing major turbulences - with creeping inflation, Fed hiking interest rates, Russia-Ukraine war, Luna collapse (crypto token crash), many crypto companies pausing withdrawals, global markets selloff - the most popular cryptocurrency tumbled to an 18-month low below $22,000 in June 2022.

Apart from these global factors, the Indian crypto industry also started seeing layoffs, crypto winter, and the new TDS rule bringing down volumes on many crypto exchanges.

Since January this year, leading crypto exchanges in India are seeing at least 70% dip in trading volumes. Many small exchanges are bearing the brunt and investors are also facing huge losses.

When crypto lending platforms Celsius Network and Vauld announced halting customer withdrawals recently, citing various challenges, many customers who invested big sums in crypto, started questioning massive grey areas in the industry.

When asked about the present state of the crypto industry amid market volatility, Khaleelulla Baig, co-founder and CEO of Koinbasket, says, "We are definitely seeing capitulation, which is largely due to the lack of a regulatory framework. Almost all troubled crypto exchanges share a common flaw: greed for more money leads them to leverage and collateralise retail investor assets without consent."

Though Vauld said it is finding the best solution for its customers, and is in talks with another crypto lender Nexo for acquisition, majority of its users are first-time investors, and they are concerned about their investments.

Baig says investors should transact only with regulated exchanges that do not collateralise or leverage pooled assets. However, transacting with unregulated exchanges is always a risk.

Some of the exchanges are facing liquidity problems temporarily, as they lent out money, and the person who took crypto money has defaulted in repayment of the loan to the exchange. "This has made some of the exchanges to stop or pause operations," says Sathvik Vishwanath, Co-founder & CEO, Unocoin.

When asked about investors' money in such cases, Mohammed Roshan, co-founder of GoSats says if an exchange decides to shut down, investors could lose a part or the full amount they have invested.

"Centralised crypto exchanges do have control over investors' funds and crypto assets. This means in case of a bankruptcy, these assets could be sold to cover debts to creditors," he says.

Crypto trading volumes slump in India

According to exchanges, there are 2 crore crypto users in India. Also, with new tax laws- 30% tax and 1% TDS- crypto trading volumes are coming down.

In the case of institutional traders, they need to pay 1% TDS for every transaction they make. For example, if they make 300 transactions, they need to pay TDS accordingly.

According to an expert, who did not want to be named, a majority of institutional investors have left India and that is the reason why volumes have collapsed now. Also, it is said that banks are refusing to work with crypto exchanges.

Crypto exchange WazirX and Zebpay launched a Trader Sentiment Survey, which says that 83% of traders believed that the recent tax implementation deterred their trading frequency, and 24% are contemplating shifting their trading activities to international exchanges owing to high taxation.

Rajagopal Menon, Vice President, WazirX says if crypto volumes fall, tax collection will also fall. From 1% TDS, the exchange is requesting the government to consider 0.1% as this will also help them in tracking transactions.

Also, he wants investors to be cautious while investing in international exchanges. "Some investors invest thinking they can avoid taxes by transacting in international exchanges," he says.

"International exchanges are much more complicated than Indian exchanges given the jurisdictional issues or the border issues that already exist," says Vishwanath of Unocoin.

Centralised exchanges are not guaranteed to be safe, but growing governmental regulation and oversight is attempting to separate the good and bad crypto players and put in place a structure that reassures businesses and customers that want to operate in the space, says Pavel Matveev, CEO and Co-Founder of Wirex.

Experts say considering the market condition and recession, investors should be cautious before investing all their hard-earned money in cryptocurrencies.

Here is a word of caution for new investors: Experts say investors must deal with regulated exchanges to protect their assets. Invest in good projects that have stood the test of time in the past, and they should not invest more than 10% of their investments in crypto.

Things to be noted

- Bitcoin ($21,506) has lost over two-thirds of its value since November last year.
- According to experts, Bitcoin may crash to $13,000.
- Another popular cryptocurrency Ethereum too plunged to $1,213.
- Investors should allocate only 5-10% of money in crypto.
- International exchanges are a bit more complicated than Indian exchanges.

MONEY-WISE

THE RUSH FOR GLOBAL FUNDS

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When several Asset Management Companies (AMCs) re-opened the window shut earlier this year by the RBI for investment in their international mutual fund schemes, there was an outpouring of demand all of a sudden. One of the reasons for this was probably the caveat added that the AMC reserved the right to shut the window again, at a short notice.

International mutual fund schemes invest their corpus in designated overseas markets with the USA being the preferred destination, at least if the Assets Under Management (AUM) slice-up is anything to go by. It affords Indian investors the opportunity to get the benefit of investing in the best international companies, many of which are not listed at the Indian bourses.

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Add to this, the historical trend of the USD-INR exchange rate relationship and one could expect an additional returns boost via depreciation of the home currency over time. There are also China, Japan, Asia and Europe centric International Funds on offer in the Indian market for those looking for additional geographical diversification.

The rush following the recent re-opening of the window to invest in overseas markets via the mutual fund route brought back memories of an Investment Seminar, where I was invited to speak some years ago. There, I was asked an interesting question by a participant during a Q&A session post the speech.

The lady said she hoped to send her daughter aged 13 overseas for studies post her graduation, and asked me how feasible it was for her to try and open an account with an American stock-broker and invest in what she called American blue-chips, namely Apple, Facebook and Microsoft.

Given that I had no idea what the rest of her Investment Portfolio looked like at that point in time, I had restricted myself to commenting that it was conceptually a good idea and that she might find it less cumbersome to invest via the Global or International Funds, as these investment vehicles offered by several AMCs in India are popularly referred to.

It is no secret today that it is often worthwhile for High Net Worth Resident Investors with fully loaded portfolios to seek a quasi-currency hedge to their portfolios, even while seeking capital appreciation, by investing in International Funds. With the global indices including the high profile US indices, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq having taken a slam-dunk recently, the general feeling is that these indices and the stocks listed thereat are value-buys on offer at a kind of discount sale.

However, such Fund categories are very investor specific and it is best left to Advisors to decide whether they merit a fit into an HNI Resident Investor's Portfolio. Also, unless one's Advisor has a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of both these markets and the underlying currencies and can thus sense an opportunity to gain from such an investment, it could end up becoming an overkill. Used judiciously, there is good scope to not just hedge, but also gain handsomely.

HOW BANKS HOLD THE KEY TO YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

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You use banking services every day. You may make a payment or buy something or receive some money. Banking encompasses your personal and work life. Like you need banking services, the country needs a robust banking sector for future economic growth. Banks take money from you as a deposit and lend it to individuals and businesses as loans. Overall, credit growth is critical for an economy to expand.

If banks do not lend enough, businesses will not get the money they need, and they will not create the jobs we all need. When an economy creates jobs, it creates a cycle of investing and spending. That further enhances the demand for goods and services and triggers further economic activity. India needs such a cycle to run at full speed to ensure that the poor get more opportunities for work.

If businesses continue to grow profits, stock markets will continue to perform. The role of the banking sector is significant for economic growth and the stock market's health. India needs the banking sector to stay robust for years to ensure sustained economic growth.

As an investor, the banking sector in India is your hope against any inflation or future international shock.

Public sector or government-owned banks have played a significant role over the decades. However, their inefficiency is a drag on the economy. The stock market puts a lower value on public sector banks than private sector banks. That is despite the banking and finance sector accounting for a third of the S&P BSE Sensex value and a quarter of the NSE Nifty.

Over the past five years, the Nifty Private Banks index gained 32%. However, during the same period, the Nifty PSU Bank index has shed 25% of its value. The dichotomy in the same sector tells us that public sector banks are holding back India's growth. At least, the stock market seems to think so.

The political sensitivity around the privatisation of public sector banks makes any discussion over the topic tricky. During a Budget speech, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke about the privatisation of the government-owned banks in Parliament. That was a bold statement to make. There is minimal action on the ground.

Reducing Banks' non performing assets

There is merit in nurturing the health of banks by reducing their NPAs. The recent Financial Stability Report by the Reserve Bank of India observes that public sector banks have substantial unrealised losses in their books at the beginning of the interest rate tightening cycle.

A new study published in the Working Paper released last week by the International Monetary Fund argues that public-sector banks are generally associated with lower employment and growth. While the government provides implicit guarantees by recapitalising public sector banks, higher credit growth is possible only if a bank has lower non-performing loans besides the necessary capital. With the predominant burden of executing government-driven priority sector lending, public sector banks cannot push up credit growth.

There is merit in nurturing the health of banks by reducing their non-performing assets. There is no limit to the money the government can put in public sector banks. The recently released Financial Stability Report by the Reserve Bank of India observes that public sector banks have substantial unrealised losses in their books at the beginning of the interest rate tightening cycle. That indicates risks to their financial health going forward, the report warns.

For faster economic growth, India needs to encourage well-capitalised private sector banks to push the necessary credit growth.

What you could do

Banks are at the heart of an economy. America and China have giant banks that dwarf all other banks worldwide. India needs many more large banks like HDFC Bank for a seat at the high table. There is no debate that India's successive governments would nurture the creation of such institutions. If India grows, the banking sector will grow. When determining your asset allocation, you cannot skip the banking sector. As investors, you are better off riding along with the wave and making a passive investment through mutual funds. If you are new to the world of investment, exchange-traded funds are your first step based on the Nifty Bank index.

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EPFO to disburse pension to over 73 L pensioners in 1 go

New Delhi: Retirement fund body EPFO will consider and approve a proposal for setting up a central pension disbursal system in its meeting on July 29 and 30, paving the way for crediting the benefit into over 73 lakh pensioners' bank accounts in one go across India. Presently, over 138 regional offices of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) disburse pensions to beneficiaries in their region separately. Thus, the pensioners of different regional offices are getting pensions at different times or days. "A proposal for setting up a central pension disbursal system will be placed in the EPFO's apex decision making body Central Board of Trustees (CBT) in a meeting scheduled on July 29 and 30," a source told PTI.

Market rally to hinge on Q1 nos

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THE benchmark Nifty is likely to move in a 3.2% range of 15940-16458 with quarterly results deciding the trend. Build up by options traders indicates an upward bias for starters from Friday's close of 16220.6, though all eyes will be on the market's reaction to TCS' Q1 numbers. India's largest software exporter saw EBIT margin plummet to a multi-year low of 23.1% on higher wage and subcontractor costs and rising attrition even as revenue growth beat Street estimates.

Apart from TCS, market trends will be driven by some important numbers this trading week that include HCL Tech, Mindtree, Larsen & Toubro Infotech, ACC and Federal Bank. HDFC Bank will report numbers on Saturday which

will set the tone for the forthcoming week. FII selling in the cash market seems to be declining even as they cover their bearish bets on index futures - Nifty and Bank Nifty.

"Early trends in FPI activity in July indicate declining selling by FIIs," said VK Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services. "For the first time in several weeks, FPIs bought equity worth ₹2150 crore on 6th July. There are signs of selling exhaustion by FPIs."

The Nifty has fallen 7% from 17465 through 16220.6 on last Friday with FIIs selling $14.37bn of Indian shares. The index would have cracked even more had DIIs not tried to match the FII selling.

Analysts said FIIs would take cues on the Indian stock market based on the rupee, which has depreciated over 4% from March end through 79.26 last Friday. The rupee itself would take cues from crude prices. Steady to falling crude prices could stem the fall in the rupee. India's foreign currency assets, making up the bulk of its forex reserves, have dwindled by $16bn from March end through July 1 to $524.74 billion. This decline was caused by RBI intervening to stem the excess volatility in the rupee and revaluation of reserves as FCA is dollar denominated.

EXPRESS READ

Startup funding down 40% in April-June: PwC

New Delhi: Geo-political instability appears to be taking a toll on the Indian startups with the total funding declining by 40% to $6.8 billion in the April-June quarter, reveals a PwC India report. The early-stage deals comprised more than 60% of the total with an average ticket size of $5 million, as per the PwC India report titled, 'Startup Deals Tracker - Q2 CY22.' "After three consecutive quarters of raising more than $10 billion, the total funding in the Indian startup ecosystem fell by 40% during Q2 CY22 to reach $6.8 billion. "The decline can be attributed to a global slowdown, decrease in tech stock valuations, inflation and geopolitical instability," it added. Software as a Service and fintech companies had the highest share of funding in the second quarter of Calender Year (CY) 2022.

Sebi mulls making 'market risk factor disclosures'

NEW DELHI: In a global first, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is planning to issue regular 'risk factor disclosures' on market trends, including surges and collapses, to help investors make right decisions by learning from the regulator's insights, sources said.

The move, which is still in a preliminary stage of discussion, can help investors avoid a herd mentality that has been particularly witnessed during the last couple of years -- starting with large-scale selloffs when the pandemic hit the world in early 2020, followed soon by a sharp surge in buying of stocks without understanding the fundamentals and largely on account of get-rich-quick stories and then subsequent losses.

Particularly of significance has been the losses suffered by investors in a large number of IPOs in the recent past and in the highly complicated futures and options segment of the capital market.

"Though the investors have seen a fixed pattern play out in every single cycle -- that is, everyone rushes to buy shares when the going is good and then they indulge in panic-selling when a crisis strikes. The basics of capital market investments are always thrown out of the window and one key reason for that is the lack of truly independent insights," a top official said.

The official further said most of the research material available in the market has been prepared by the market participants who have their own business interests in mind and therefore it could be a great idea if the regulator itself makes public its insights from upswings or downtrends in the market.

Explaining the idea that Sebi is working on, a high-level source said, "It's time for Sebi to lead by example by making disclosures on matters that can have implications for investors at large and disclosures of important market-wide datapoints."

"A simple sentence mandated under the present regulations that certain 'investments are subject to market risks' has become too cliched and it is like a motherhood statement that does not work anymore. What is required at this moment is that investors get some detailed datasets, that too from the regulator and not only from their wealth managers, whose main aim remains maximising their businesses," said the source involved in the proposed move.

"We are not a nanny state where a regulator can dictate terms to market participants, including investors, on what to do and what not to do, but it is certainly the responsibility of the regulator to ensure that all necessary disclosures are made and to tell the market participants how those disclosures should be made.

"But when we tell others to make all necessary disclosures, it becomes the regulator's duty also to disclose to the investors and all market players what has been its learnings and understandings," the source added. Sebi has enormous datasets, thanks to the use of big data, artificial intelligence and other facets of latest technologies, all of which can be of immense help to the investors and other market participants. *PTI*

AFI clears Jeswin to compete in World C'ships

NEW DELHI: AFI has included long jumper Jeswin Aldrin in the squad for the World Athletics championships at Oregon. "We have decided to give him a chance to compete in the World Championships after he jumped 7.99m in the first trial and 7.93m in Patiala," said AFI President Adille J Sumariwalla.

KING HOLDS CENTRE COURT

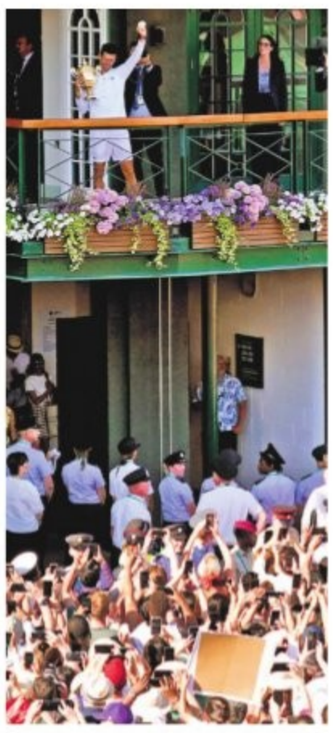
Djokovic loses first set before making a roaring comeback to defeat Kyrgios for his seventh Wimbledon crown and 21st Grand Slam title

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

EXACTLY a year ago, Novak Djokovic gave his sixth Wimbledon winner's speech. He had won Slam No 20. He was level with his two great rivals, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. The assumption, then, was No 21 would come in New York in September. It was also assumed that the Serbian great would have killed the GOAT-debate by Wimbledon 2022.

At his seventh Wimbledon winner's speech on Sunday, Djokovic, instead, looked at the crown with relief. He allowed himself to smile. He joked with Nick Kyrgios, an opponent who cared about this result so deeply he didn't start interacting with the chair umpire till deep in the second set. "I never thought I was going to say so many nice things about you," a beaming, smiling Djokovic told Kyrgios. "Considering the relationship. ... OK, it's a bromance." Djokovic's world, after a pulsating three hours on a sun-kissed centre court, was alright. He had produced an elite performance to win it 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

That sense of relief was understandable. Because for many of the last 12 months, Djokovic's world was dark. He was, it seemed at one point, living in purgatory. That most of it was self-made — a sketchy Covid-19 result, a maskless interview days after testing positive for the virus and his vaccine status — meant sympathy was in short supply. Less than two weeks after he was deported from Australia, Nadal marched ahead to win a 21st Major. On the Parisian clay, Nadal made it 22. Meanwhile, Djokovic, who turned 35 the day the French



Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates with his trophy from a balcony of Centre Court after defeating Australia's Nick Kyrgios in the Wimbledon final on Sunday | AP

Open began, lost in the quarterfinals, to Nadal. 22-20 and seemingly a world away from the top of the leaderboard.

SW19, suddenly, was, as it stood, his final chance to win a Slam in 2022. Since his first Slam in 2008, Djokovic had only gone three calendar years without winning at least one Major (2009, 2010 and 2017). During the last two months, it had emerged that the US government wouldn't allow foreign athletes if they remained unvaxxed. So the pressure to deliver in London was massive.

And deliver he did over two weeks. It wasn't pretty, he lost at least one set in five of his seven matches including in the first round. Yet, that's when he thrives. For all his unforced errors off the field, Djokovic remains the one true master at finding a way when put under pressure on the court.

And boy did Kyrgios put him under pressure. The 27-year-old, eight years Djokovic's junior and a novice at this level compared to the Serb, was on the money. There are times when he gives up the ghost, seemingly uninterested about the sport even when he's playing it. Not on Sunday. With a gun first service coupled by some uncharacteristic errors from Djokovic's racquet — a double fault gave Kyrgios the break in the fifth game of the first set — he took the first set 6-4 in 31 minutes. The biggest warning sign that was flashing like neon lights was this: Djokovic had won only five points on the Kyrgios serve. Djokovic, inarguably the greatest men's returner the sport has seen, was struggling. That's when he refocused. He recalibrated the way only he can. Even though the Australia's first serve percentages was high throughout the encounter (74% and 30 aces), Djokovic kept chipping away. His deep returns turned defence into attack straight away and it was enough to give him an opening. The match turned in the Serbian's favour when he broke Kyrgios from 4-0, 4-4 in the third set. From then on, it was going to be a matter of if and not when. The smile followed. After a harrowing 10 months of big losses both on and off the court, it's something he has earned.

Sky stretches limits, but India fall short

GOMESH S @Chennai

AS India sealed the T20I series against England on Saturday, skipper Rohit Sharma said they want to give players who are waiting in the wings and that after discussing with head coach Rahul Dravid they would decide how to approach the third T20I.

And that is exactly what him and Dravid did as they made four changes on Sunday, with Umran Malik, Avesh Khan, Ravi Bishnoi and Shreyas Iyer coming in for Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Yuzvendra Chahal and Hardik Pandya — all four who'd walk into a first XI at this point.As India went into the game with just five bowling options, it seemed clear they were testing the waters. On a pitch that had very little seam movement and small boundaries, the team management could not have asked for a better challenge against a batting line-up that thrives in these conditions.

With England opting to bat first, Jos Buttler, who struggled against Bhuvneshwar, welcomed Umran with two fours and a six in one over. If there is one thing that doesn't trouble Buttler, it was high-end pace. After all, Umran has excelled at taking wickets mostly in the middle-overs during the IPL. Bishnoi had to be brought in early, but it was Avesh who removed the England opener with an off-cutter. And that was cue for Indian pacers to pull the length back and stick to cutters. While Harshal Patel implemented it better than most, David Malan (77) and Liam Livingstone (42) hit others to the ropes for fun.

The one who suffered the most was Ravindra Jadeja (45/0), who hasn't been a four-over bowler in recent years. If Hardik is in the XI, Jadeja could be a handy death overs hitter who can roll his arm. However, without him, Jadeja as a batting all-rounder would longer the tail and Sunday seemed like a testing stage to see how it might go. And the end result was not what the spinner would have wished for as England

Suryakumar Yadav brought up his century off 48 balls at Nottingham on Sunday | AP

smashed 215/7 in 20 overs.

In the batting department, intent — something that was the first word for the Indian team management in the last few years, but struggled to implement in the shortest format — seemed the message for every batter in the team, from Rohit and Virat Kohli at the top to Jadeja down the order.

The top-order duo, who generally like to take some time to settle in the past, were trying to show intent with the bat from ball one; even at the cost of losing their wicket. It was evident throughout the series and Sunday was no different. Kohli hit consecutive boundaries — a four and a six — off David Willey before getting out trying to score another boundary off the third delivery.

Suryakumar Yadav picked up from there, and put on a masterclass of range-hitting, taking every England bowler to the cleaners. As he became the fifth Indian to score a T20I century (117), India were catching up after a slow startw in the powerplay.

Although India lost by 17 runs in the end, with every passing game, it seems more and more evident that Dravid and Rohit seem to have a roadmap for India in the shortest format. And it is slowly, but steadily being put in place.

Brief scores: England 215/7 in 20 ovs (Malan 77; Bishnoi 2/30) vs India 198/9 in 20 ovs (Suryakumar 117; Topley 3/22).

Leclerc pips Max, wins Austrian GP

AFP @Spielberg

FERRARI'S Charles Leclerc held off world champion Max Verstappen to win the Austrian Grand Prix on Sunday and reboot his world championship challenge.

Lewis Hamilton took third ahead of his Mercedes teammate George Russell in cars that had both needed hefty repairs after crashes in Friday qualifying.

This was Leclerc's third win of the year and Ferrari's first at the Red Bull Ring since Michael Schumacher in 2003. After a series of disappointing results Leclerc was thrilled to finally get another win under his belt.

EXPRESS READ

Iniyan finishes second in chess tournament in France

LA PLAGNE: India's teenage Grandmaster P Iniyan finished second in the La Plagne International Open Chess Tournament 2022 here. The 19-year-old GM scored 7 points from nine rounds to tie for top spot with Ukraine GM Vitaly Sivuk early on Sunday. The Ukrainian, however, won the first prize on the basis of a better tie-break score.

Post-race penalty robs Daruvala of 2nd in Austria

BIRMINGHAM: Indian racer Jehan Daruvala put in a stirring drive from 11th to second in Sunday's Formula 2 feature race in Austria but was robbed of his sixth podium of the season by a post-race penalty. Jehan finished a provisional second after an inspired strategy call to start the race on slick tyres and searing pace from the Red Bull-backed racer saw him make rapid progress up the field.

Chandimal ton gives SL 67-run lead against Oz

GALLE: Former captain Dinesh Chandimal scored a hundred as Sri Lanka reached 431-6 at stumps on day three of the second test against Australia on Sunday. Sri Lanka now leads by 67 runs with four wickets in hand. It was a terrific effort by Chandimal, who stitched some crucial partnerships with the middle order .

Brief scores: Aus 364 vs SL 431/6 in 149 ovs (Chandimal 118 n.o, Kamindu 61; Starc 2/47).

Arjun qualify for 10m Air Rifle final

AGENCIES @Changwon

INDIA'S Arjun Babuta, Paarth Makhija qualified for the men's 10m Air Rifle final at the ISSF Shooting World Cup here on Sunday. Arjun scored an impressive 630.5 in the 60-shot qualification stage to finish second in the 53-strong field. Paarth, on the other hand, finished fifth with a score of 628.4. The third Indian shooter in the Men's 10m Air Rifle event, Shahu Tushar shot 624.4 to finish 30th. Veteran Israeli shooter Sergey Richter topped the chart with a score of 631.6. In the women's 10m Air Rifle event, it was a disappointment for the Indian shooters as none of them could make the cut.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

Notice to the Respondent No.1 to 5,10 & 12
Vide order dated: 21.06.2022
R.F.F.No.2121/2017

Smt. Kursheed Begum & Ors., ... Appellant/s
(By Sriyuths: S Ismail Zabiulla, Chand Pasha and M.A.K Usmani, Advs., For appellants)
V/s
Smt.Syed Begum & Ors., ... Respondent/s
(By Sriyuths: R Vidyasagar and Avinash P, Advs., For C/R-7 and P.C. Sunitha, Adv., For R-6, R-8, R-9, and R-11 (VK Filed)

TO: Respondents:
01.Smt.Syeda Begum W/o Late AbdulWajeed
02.Smt.Shama Praveen D/o Late Abdul Wajid W/o Zammer Ahmed
R-1 & R-2 both are R/at No.200, Behind Johnson School, Mangammanapalya, Bangalore-560068.
03. Smt. Shamsia D/o Late Abdul Wajid W/o Sadiq Pasha
R/at No.4, Near Himalaya Medicals, T.V.Bus Stand, Nelamangala, Bangalore District.
04. Sri.Mahaboob Pasha S/o late Abdul Wajid
05. Sri.Elyas Pasha S/o Late Abdu Wajid
R/at No.200, Behind Johnson School, Mangammanapalya, Bangalore-560068.
10. Smt.Yasmin D/o Abdula W/o Amjad Pasha, R/at No.38, Pipe Line, Anchyepalya, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560045.
12. Smt.Kulsum D/o Abdulla W/o Javid, R/at No.12, Gandhinagar Main Road, K.G.Halli, A.C.Post, Bangalore-560045.

Appeal from the Judgment & Decree dated: 08.11.2017 passed in OS.No.1487/2013 on the file of the XX Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **17.08.2022** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 21st day of June 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK
(A Scheduled Bank established by Government of India, Sponsored by Canara Bank)
Head Office, Gandhinagar, Ballari – 583 103
Phone : (08392) 236419 e-mail-pw.ir@kgbk.in
Human Resources Wing: I R Section

NOTIFICATION

To,
Sri Chethan V (6525), Assistant Manager, Karnataka Gramin Bank, Mallimakanapura Branch.Bangalore Region.

R/o: **Sri Chethan V** S/o Shivarapatna Muniswamy Venkatesh, No. 335, 6th cross Ramakrishna road, M V Extension, Hosakote, Bangalore rural 562114. Contact no: 9663252708 & 9036048730

Sub: In the matter of alleged acts of misconduct on your part - Reg.
Ref: Charge sheet No. HO HRW-IR CS 677/2021-22 dated 12.10.2021.

Whereas the above cited Charge Sheet was issued to Sri Chethan V(6525), Assistant Manager, for certain acts of misconduct alleged to have been committed by him while working at Mallimakanapura Branch of Bengaluru region as explained in the Charge Sheet. The said Officer is hereinafter referred as Charge Sheeted Officer (CSO);

And whereas, a departmental enquiry was held in the matter and the Enquiry Officer found the CSO guilty of both Charges levelled against him in the charge sheet referred herein above.

And whereas, on careful consideration of all the facts of the case including gravity of misconduct, in-toto, the Disciplinary Authority has imposed the penalty of **"Removal from service which shall not be a disqualification for future employment" as provided under Regulation No.39(1)(b)(iv) of Karnataka Gramin Bank (Officers & Employees) Service Regulations, 2019 on CSO vide proceedings No. HO HRW-IR:198:2022-23 dated 17.06.2022.**

And whereas, the above penalty imposed on Sri.Chethan V(6225) will be effective from the date of publication of this notification and accordingly, he would cease to be in the services of the Bank

Sd/-
General Manager & Disciplinary Authority

Date: 08.07.2022

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-59)
Misc. No. 775 / 2022

Between: Sri B.K. Rajagopal S/o Late Krishnamurthy .B, aged about 59 years, residing at 751, 66th Cross, Near Blossom School, Kumara Swamy Layout 1st Phase, Bangalore - 560 111. ...Petitioner
And: Nil ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 14 of the rights of persons with disabilities act 2017 for appointment of guardian in respect of the mentally retarded persons by name (1) Kumari Sandhya Nagashree B.V.; aged about 36 years, and (2) Sri. B.V. Nagendra, aged about 34 years, both are sons of B.K. Vasanth, the petitioner field this petition for appoint him as a guardian of persons with properties and other connected relief/s.

Any interested parties are hereby directed to appear in this court in person or by the pleader duly instructed **on 28.07.2022 at 11.00 a.m.** to show cause against the petitioners, failing which the Hon'ble Court will proceed with the matter in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this the day of 29.06.2022 Bengaluru City.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Service:
Narayanaswamy .C, Advocate
No.98/54, G.S. Palya Main Road, Electronic City, Bengaluru - 560 100.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/2043-44 Dated: 08.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/T(W&M)/Mys/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-2/Repair/455 dtd 07.07.2022 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 8MVA, 66/11KV, SPEC Make, Sl No.ST-31157 lying at 66/11KV **Megalapura** Substation on total turnkey basis. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-procurement kptcl" or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. on or after 13.07.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana', N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007. Phone: 0821-2455018

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SE(E)/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/AEE(C)/2022-23/3570-73 **Date: 07.07.2022**

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the various Civil works in Hoody Division, through e-procurement mode only.

The details regarding participating in the tender can be obtained by website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11.07.2022.**

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (Maint), BMAZ (South), Ground Floor, KPTCL Office Complex, Anand Rao Circle, Bengalauru - 560 009. Ph: 080-22386686.**

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
O&M Circle Office, Chikmagalur -577101, Ph: 08262-233313
CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No:MESCOM/SEE/O&M/CKM/EE/AEE/AE/2022-23/5307 **Date: 04.07.2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)

MESCOM invites the tender for the services of:

1) Providing services of 10 MT Trucks/Lorries along with Drivers to below mentioned O&M Sub Divisions of Chikmagalur O&M Circle, on Monthly Rental basis, for Transportation of materials for a period of ONE Year.
No. of 10 MT Trucks/Lorry required: 6 Nos.

Sl. No.	Sub Division	Quantity	Amount put to Tender
1.	Aldur & Kalasa	1 No.	11,25,000/-
2.	Mudigere	1 No.	11,25,000/-
3.	Koppa	1 No.	11,25,000/-
4.	Balehonnur	1 No.	11,25,000/-
5.	Kadur	1 No.	11,25,000/-
6.	Tarikere	1 No.	11,25,000/-

The bids will be received through Electronic Tendering Mode only. The details of tender notification can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.07.2022**. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O&M Circle Chikmagaluru.

For Power Related Complaint & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited
H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The Borrower **Smt S.Saira,** W/o Sri A.Srinivasulu, R/a Flat No.A-1, Key Stone Manor, No.2, Peazold Road, Richards Town, Bengaluru-84. The debt due to Bank as on **08.07.2022** of **Rs.27,43,635/-** + Interest & miscellaneous expenses. Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"on 12.08.2022, Friday at 11.00 am.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The Residential Apartment Flat No.A, in the Ground Floor with Super structure building known to be "ANJI VILLA" having built up area measuring 700 Sq.ft with 142 Sq.ft of undivided share in land along with common area with one scooter parking constructed on property bearing No.17 and 17/1, (old No.7) PID Nos.80-5-17 & 80-5-17/1, situated at Pettigrew Street, Civil Station, Ward No.80. Bangalore. Measuring East To West: 35'6" and North To South: 47'9" measuring in all 1695 Sq.ft and bounded as East by: Property bearing old No.16, Pettigrew Street, West by: Property bearing old No.18, Pettigrew Street, North by: Pettigrew Street & South by: Private Property of Todd Lane

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
(2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount of Rs.3,30,000/- equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property Rs.33,00,000/- being cautioned deposit by means of Demand Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of M/s.The Grain Merchant's Co.Operative Bank Ltd., The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
(3) The Property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price
(4) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refund without interest.
(5) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
(6) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues/taxes/charges/property tax/electricity charges/water charges/conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
(7) The authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all if the tender or/bid/offer and/or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the auction sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
(8) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
(9) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule.
(10) The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" AND "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** the intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title,ownership,statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co Operative Bank Ltd.,

Place: Bangalore
Date: 08.07.2022

Bank of Baroda
Branch: Banashankari, No334/22,41st Cross, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore-560082
PH: 080-22443179, 080- 26651140 , E-Mail: vjbana@bankofbaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Banashankari Branch** under the Securitisation and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 &9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a **demand notice dated 30.04.2022** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Umesh K S/o Late Krishna Reddy, residing at No.1603, Devarachikkanahalli, IIM Post, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,11,30,645.97/- (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five and paisa Ninety Seven Only)** inclusive of interest upto 29.04.2022 thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rules8 & 9 of the said rules on this **6th day of July the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.1,11,30,645.97/- (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five and paisa Ninety Seven Only)** inclusive of interest upto **29.04.2022** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule A Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 4 & 5, Assessment/katha No.292/1B, situated at Devarachikkanahalli, IIM Post, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076, measuring 3113.75 Sq ft in the name of Mr. K Ravi Kumar & Mr. K Umesh. Bounded by: East By : Property No.3 belongs to Krishna Reddy: West By: Property No.6, North By: Property belongs to Thimmaiah, South By: 25ft wide Road

Date: 06.07.2022, Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bank Of Baroda**

Bank of Baroda
Branch: Banashankari, No334/22,41st Cross, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore-560082
PH: 080-22443179, 080- 26651140 , E-Mail: vjbana@bankofbaroda.co.in

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The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.14,34,995.99 /- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five and Ninety Nine Paise Only)** inclusive of interest upto **29.04.2022** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 6, Khatha/Janjaru No.292/1B, Situated at Ward No.175, opposite Rama Temple, Chamundeshwari Nagar, Devara Chikkanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560076 , measuring east to West (34+60)/2 ft and North to South (57+63)/2 ft totally 2820 Sq ft. Boundaries: East by:Site No.5 belonged to Krishna Reddy, West by : Road, North by: Thimmaiah's property, South by: 25 ft Road

Date: 06.07.2022, Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bank Of Baroda**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-T6/2022-23/1899 Dt: 07.07.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bid **Two part and percentage** for the 3 numbers of works for Providing / Replacement of intermediate Towers at the following locations.

Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE(E)/TR(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/EPR-711 (Palajogihalli) EPR-712 (Dargajogihalli) & EPR-713 (Bacchaganahalli) Dtd: 08.07.2022, coming under TLM Sub Division Kolar & Doddaballapura under BRAZ Circle.

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **11.07.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **'e procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans. (Maint.), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL,UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-24.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through e-procurement portal)

BWSSB invites tender from registered Agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
1	WWM C Valley	BWSSB/EEWWM (CV)/PB/636/ 2022-23 Date: 05.07.2022	Rs. 86.64 Lakhs / Rs. 1.73 Lakhs	26.07.2022 up to 4.00 pm	27.07.2022 at 4.10 pm
2	WWM C Valley	BWSSB/EEWWM (C Valley)/PB/634/ 2022-23 Date: 05.07.2022	Rs. 9,05,225/- / Rs. 22,630/-	18.07.2022 up to 4.00 pm	19.07.2022 after 4.05 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM) C Valley

The details regarding participation in the tendering process and tender can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

DIPR/CP/1285/AKAR/22-23

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At plants painted with birds and hedgehogs, hot water from deep underground is being channelled to produce energy and heat for thousands of households in Hungary's third largest city Szeged.

Dutch farmers are embroiled in a summer of discontent that shows no sign of abating. Their target? Government plans to rein in emissions of nitrogen oxide and ammonia that they say threatens to wreck their agricultural way

Iran enriches to 20% with new centrifuges

ENERGY

TEHRAN: Iran announced Sunday that it has begun enriching uranium up to 20% using sophisticated centrifuges at its underground Fordo nuclear plant, state TV reported, an escalation that comes amid a standoff with the West over its tattered atomic deal. That Tehran is enriching uranium up to 20% purity—a technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90%—with a new set of its most advanced centrifuges at a facility deep inside a mountain deals yet another blow to the already slim chances of reviving the accord. Behrouz Kamalvandi, a spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation, said uranium enriched to 20% was collected for the first time from advanced IR-6 centrifuges on Saturday. He said Iran had informed the UN nuclear watchdog about the development two weeks ago. Centrifuges are used to spin enriched uranium into higher levels of purity. Tehran's 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers had called for Fordo to become a research-and-development facility and restricted centrifuges there to non-nuclear uses.Iran had previously told the IAEA that it was preparing to enrich uranium through a new cascade of 166 advanced IR-6 centrifuges at its underground Fordo facility. But it hadn't revealed the level at which the cascade would be enriching. The International Atomic Energy Agency said it had verified Iran was using a set-up that allowed it to more swiftly and easily switch between enrichment levels.

Director General of IAEA, speaks with deputy head of AEOI of Iran | AP

Germany to get gas pipe turbine

ENERGY

BERLIN: The Canadian government says it will allow the delivery to Germany of equipment from a key Russia-Europe natural gas pipeline that has undergone maintenance—equipment the absence of which Russia's Gazprom cited last month as a reason for more than halving the flow of gas.

The return of turbines from the Nord Stream 1 pipeline sent to Montreal for a scheduled overhaul has been complicated by sanctions imposed on Russia over the war in Ukraine. Canada's minister of natural resources, Jonathan Wilkinson, said in a statement late Saturday that "Canada will grant a time-limited and revocable permit for Siemens Canada to allow the return of repaired Nord Stream 1 turbines to Germany."

That, Wilkinson said in the statement posted on Twitter, will support "Europe's ability to access reliable and affordable energy as they continue to transition away from Russian oil and gas." He said that "absent a necessary supply of natural gas, the German economy will suffer very significant hardship."

Siemens Energy said after Gazprom started reducing gas flows in mid-June that it had been unable to return a gas turbine that powers a compressor station on the pipeline, which had been overhauled after more than 10 years in service, to the customer, Gazprom.

German politicians have dismissed the Russian explanation for the 60% reduction in gas flows through Nord Stream 1, saying that equipment shouldn't have been a significant issue until the fall and the Russian decision was a political gambit to sow uncertainty and push up prices.

The Canadian move comes before Nord Stream 1 is due to shut down for annual maintenance on Monday. In previous summers, the work led to a roughly 10-day shutdown, but German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck has said he suspects that Russia may cite "some little technical detail" as a reason not to resume gas deliveries.

A NEW SHADE

Researchers find 6 colour morphs of Shillong Bush frog

WILDLIFE

SHILLONG: Meghalaya's smallest frog 'the Shillong bush frog' endemic to the state's higher reaches of East Khasi Hills district exists in many vibrant colour morphs, researchers said on Sunday.

They said the frog—the size of which is so small that it can comfortably sit on a fingernail— was recently discovered to exist in at least six different colour schemes in their bodies.

Researchers of the Zoological Survey of India—Bhaskar Saikia and Ilona Kharkongor ' whose research was published by the *Herpetological Review*—a peer-reviewed quarterly that publishes articles and notes concerning the study of amphibians and reptiles, said they encountered several vibrant colour morphs of the species during their evening stroll in the Reserve Forest along the slope south of the city.

Except for the white patches on the supra tymphanic folds and the dark inter-orbital mark, some of the observations made were that some of the species have a grey dorsum, dark brown dorsum, black dorsum, hourglass marking on dorsum and a grey or slaty dorsum.

Endemic to Shillong and the higher altitudes of East Khasi Hills district, the male frogs make a distinct 'tick-tick' sound calling for their mates during the wet summer evening.

What makes the Shillong Bush frogs different and unique from other frogs apart from the small size of their bodies is that these frogs have a direct development, Saikia said.

The embryos develop directly into juveniles within the eggs as the species forgo the tadpole stage and hatch as tiny froglets, a miniature version of their parents, he said.

This evolutionary strategy removes their need for water during the stages of development, he added.

Another researcher, N Srinivas, expressed regret that urbanisation could wreak havoc on the tiny frog species of Meghalaya.

He said, 'The Shillong bush frog shares space with the people and this exposes it to a range of threats like pollution, concretisation, and habitat fragmentation.'

Forest fires, unregulated tree felling, mining, garbage disposal at forest edges, and utilisation of harmful pesticides in gardens "all these are also threats unique to the Shillong bush frogs," he said.

These, coupled with a narrow distribution range, and the ever-looming threat of climate change and global warming, is why these endemic high elevation species are critically endangered, he noted.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered post have been delivered and acknowledged by them. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged gold ornaments securities on or before **16-07-2022** failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at below mentioned respective Branch premises at **3.00 pm on 18-07-2022** or on any other convenient date without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank. This Notice is also a notice to the borrowers and applies to Legal Heirs of the deceased borrowers, If any :

Sl No	Branch Name	Date of Loan	Gold Loan No.	Name and address of the Borrower	Gross weight
1	Chamarajpet (00405)	14-09-2020	4049530000072	**PRADEEP H P -** No.264, Kuvempu Road, Old Canara Bank Building, Vidyanagara, Hassan - 573202.	140.10 Gms
2	Chamarajpet (00405)	03-03-2021	164000260478	**JAYALAKSHMI -** No.31, 4th Cross, Nanjappa Block, K G Nagar, Gavipuram Extn, Bengaluru - 560019.	42.10 Gms
3	Chickpet (10405)	07-09-2020	4059510001309	**MANJUNATHA M, S/o M Munivenkatappa -** No.40 2, 16th Cross, S R Nagar, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027.	47.84 Gms
4	Chickpet (00406)	07-10-2020	406608000020	**G VENKATESH, S/o Late Gangappa -** No.81, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Jagajeevanram Nagar, Behind Police Station, Bangalore - 560018.	121.21 Gms
5	Infantry Road (01927)	04-02-2022	180052479788	**SYED SALMAN -** No 6 501, S K Pristine Apartment, Ahmed Sait Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore - 560005.	168.50 Gms
6	N R Road (00410)	06-01-2020	4389510001086	**FAROOQ -** No.33, 9th Cross, Someshwara Nagar, 1st Blk, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011.	21.70 Gms
7	Puttanachetty Road (10421)	01-06-2020	4219510002647	**NAGARATNA M -** No.79/1, 4th Main, 6th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru - 560018.	19.45 Gms
8	Town Hall Welfare Centre (08693)	19-10-2020	8693608000016	**NAVEEN KUMAR, S/o Manjanna -** Poojarahally, Kavanadala Post, Dodderi H, Madhugiri - 572132.	39.40 Gms

Date : 11.07.2022
Place : Bangalore

Branch Manager
Canara Bank

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98,Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV,Gurgaon-122015.(Haryana) and **Branch Office at:- "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankeauctions.com.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
1.Mr. Keshava Krishna Bp 2.Leonis Networks 3.Mrs.Sahana K **(Prospect No.743914)**	19-Nov-2019 **Rs.87,87,111/-** (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eleven Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Row House No. 08, having buildup area 2338.27 sq. ft. "courtyard" comprised on survey no 163/2 & 163/3 katha no. 1416, Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore, Varthur, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka, 560035	**12-Feb-2020** Total Outstanding As On Date : 07-July-2022 **Rs. 1,13,71,817/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Only)	**Rs.50,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakh Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) **Rs.5,00,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Only)	**27-Jul-2022** 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 29-Jul-2022 till 5 pm. Date/ Time of E-Auction 01-Aug-2022 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode of Payment:- All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "IIFL Home Finance Limited" payable at Gurugram or through RTGS/NEFT The accounts details are as follows: a) **Name of the account:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Charted Bank Ltd., c) Account No:-53105066294, d) IFSC Code:-SCBL0036025** or through Payment Link: **https://quickpay.iiflfinance.com**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.bankeauctions.com, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://bankeauctions.com** and **https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@7291981124/25/26.and any property related query **Mr. Shaik Shawali @ 9900260101, Email ID:- shaik.shawali@iifl.com**
7. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
8. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
9. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
10. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:-Bangalore , Date: 09-July-2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited**

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

DEMAND NOTICE

Registered Office: Office No.123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai-600 001. **Head Office:** Level 3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051. **Website:** www.shriramhousing.in

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LTD. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (S) Co-Borrower(S)	Outstanding Amount	Loan No. & Loan Amount	Property Address of Secured Assets
Loan A/c No. SHLHBANA0000381 **1. MR. SUBRAMANI V** **2. MRS. S LAKSHMI DEVI,** **R/at. No. 52, Ground Floor, Raghavendra Colony, Ward No. 18, Near N R Hospital, Attibele, Bangalore – 562 107** **Also At:** **Sri Balaji Mens Parlour, No. 629, Muneshwar Temple Road, Anekal Main Road, Attibele, Near Ganesha Temple, Bangalore – 562 107** **NPA DATE** - 3rd June, 2022 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE:** 13th June, 2022	Rs. 21,00,909/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Nine Hundred and Nine Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBANA0 000381 as on 9.06.2022	Loan Account No. SHLHBANA 0000381. Rs. 18,65,662/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Muncipal Assessment No. 6169/51/2A, converted Sy. No. 51/2 (0-02.02 guntas vide order no. ALN (A) (A) SR:06/2013-14) Situated at Ward No. 18, Raghavendra Colony, Attibele Town, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, measuring East to West :20 ft and North to South: 30 ft, in all total measuring 600 Sq ft and bounder on:- East by: 25 ft Road, West by: Remaining portion belongs to vendor in Municipal Assessment no. 6159/51/2A. North by: 30 feet Road. South by: Property belongs to Mrs. Nirmala, W/o K Manjunath.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place: BANGALORE
Date : 11/07/2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Shriram Housing Finance Ltd

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DEMAND NOTICE

(SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT-2002) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE ACT)

At the request, Bank has extended credit facility to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds Simple mortgage are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register post AD calling upon you, To pay the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of the notice failing which the Bank will proceed against the bellow mentioned property under the Act was unserved / not acknowledged, this notice is now issued.

MALLATHAHALLI BRANCH.
(1). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Smt. K. Bhagyalakshmamma w/o V. Babu, **2. Sri.Natesh** s/o V. Babu, Both are R/at No.69, Maheshwaramma Temple, Ullalu Basti, Vishweshwaraiah 4th block, Ullalu, Bengaluru - 560056. **3. Smt. Damayanti** w/o Venkatesh (Guarantor) R/at 139, maraloni Beedi, Nelamangala, Bengaluru – 562123.
Liability: Rs.8,48,035/- (Rupees Eight lakh forty eight thousand and thirty five only) as on **27.04.2022** and interest from **28.04.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 28.03.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 07.05.2022**
Description of Property: (1) All that part and parcel of the property having House Property No.60, Ullalu Basti Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 18 Ft **N to S :** 14½ Ft, **Bounded by East:** 4 Ft Road, **West :** Balance Portion of Property No.60, **North :** Narasimhaiah's House, **South:** 4 Ft Road. **(2)** All that part and parcel of the property having House Property No.60, Ullalu Basti Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 35 Ft, **N to S :** 42 Ft, **Bounded by East:** Balance Portion of Property No.60 & Narasimhaiah's House, **West :** Narasimhaiah & Other's property, **North :** Chinnappa's property, **South:** 4 Ft Road. Property is held in the name of **Smt. K. Bhgyalakshmamma w/o V. Babu.**

THIRUMALASHETTIHALLI BRANCH
(2). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Smt. Dhanamma w/o Murali, **2. Sri.Srinidhi** s/o Murali. Both are R/at No.No.15, 7-1, M.V.Extension, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru - 562114. **3. Sri.Krishnamurthy G R** s/o Late Ramachandrappa (Guarantor) R/at Eranna Nilaya, Gangamma gudi road, V V Extension, Hoskote, Bengaluru – 562114.
Liability: Rs.2,28,683/- (Rupees Two lakh Twenty Eight thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Three only) as on **30.05.2022** and interest from **24.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 24.05.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 09.06.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Eastern portion of Site No.12, Municipal Khatha No.10387/8093/12, Sir.M.Visvesvaraiah Layout, Vinayakanagara, Hosakote town, Bengaluru Rural District. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 30 Ft, **N to S :** 20 Ft, **Bounded by East:** 20 Ft Road, **West :** Site No.13, **North :** Same No. Remaining property, **South:** 25 Ft Road. Property is held in the name of **Smt. Dhanamma w/o Murali.**

KUMBALAGODU BRANCH
(3). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri. Madhushetty s/o Narayanashetty, R/at No.27, Maranna Layout, Thippenahalli Main Road, Near Govt School, Doddabidarakallu, Bengaluru - 560073. **2. Sri. T. S. Thammaiah** s/o Soorashetty (Guarantor) R/at No.52, 4th cross, Nethaji Road, Jayamaruthinagar, Bengaluru - 560096.
Liability: Rs.4,59,964/- (Rupees Four lakh Fifty Nine thousand Nine Hundred & Sixty Four Only) as on **30.04.2022** and interest from **01.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 29.04.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 24.05.2022**
Description of Property: (1) All that part and parcel of the property having House No.26, Khatha No.10, Assessment No. 56/1, Doddabidarakallu, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 30 Ft, **N to S :** 40 Ft, **Bounded by East:** Site No.31, **West :** Road, **North :** Site No.27, **South:** Site No.25. Property is held in the name of **Sri. Madhushetty s/o Narayanashetty.**

THIRUMALASHETTIHALLI BRANCH
(4). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri. Muniraju T C s/o Chikkappaiah, **2. Sri. Venkatesh T C** s/o Chikkappaiah. Both are R/at No.5, Thirumalashettihalli, Bengaluru - 560067. **3. Sri.Narayanamurthy** s/o Ramanna (Guarantor) R/at Thirumalashettihalli cross, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru – 560067.
Liability: Rs.3,99,951/- (Rupees Three lakh Ninety Nine thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty One only) as on **27.05.2022** and interest from **22.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 23.05.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 09.06.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Property Sl.No.418, Janjar/Khatha No.456, Property No.226, Thirumalashettihalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District **Property Measuring: E to W:** 56 Ft, **N to S :** 38 Ft, **Bounded by East:** Own property of Same No., **West :** Property of Chandrappa, **North :** Property of Chikkappaiah, **South:** 8 Ft Road. Property is held in the name of **Sri. Muniraju T C s/o Chikkappaiah & Sri.Venkatesh T C s/o Chikkappaiah**

KONANAKUNTE BRANCH
(5). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri. Muniraju H s/o Hanumanthappa, **2. Smt. Mangalamma** w/o Muniraju H. Both are R/at No.254, Vajramuneshwara Temple Road, Thalaghattapura, Kanakapura main road, Bengaluru – 560062. **3. Sri.Nagesh K S** s/o Chikkanna (Guarantor) R/at No.8/2, Thalaghattapura Village, Kanakapura main road, Bengaluru – 560062.
Liability: Rs.4,42,674/- (Rupees Four lakh Forty Two thousand Six Hundred & Seventy four Only) as on **26.04.2022** and interest from **27.04.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 26.04.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 07.05.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Property Property No.63, Khaneshumari No.63, Thalaghattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 30 Ft, **N to S :** 15 Ft, **Bounded by East:** Road, **West :** Property of Galappa, **North :** Property of Ramaiah, **South:** Road. Property is held in the name of **Smt.Mangalamma w/o Muniraju H**

NELAMANGALA BRANCH
(6). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri.Narayanappa s/o Govindappa, R/at No.443, Basaveshwara Nagar, Arishinakunte, Nelamangala - 562123. **2. Sri.Narayan Kumar** s/o Narasimhamurthy (Guarantor) R/at Arishinakunte, Nelamangala - 562123.
Liability: Rs.1,93,034/- (Rupees One lakh Ninety Three thousand and Thirty Four only) as on **11.05.2022** and interest from **10.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 10.05.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 24.05.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Property No.746/A, Khatha No.150300701901003103 (Old No.275/46/A), Nelamangala Village, Arishinakunte Hobli, Adarshnagar, Nelamangala Taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 60 Ft, **N to S :** (23+37)/2 Ft, **Bounded by East:** Site No.747A, **West :** Road **North :** Site No.747, **South:** Road. Property is held in the name of **Sri.Narayanappa s/o Govindappa.**

DODDATHOGURU BRANCH
(7). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri. C. Raghu s/o Chowdaiah, **2. Sri. C. Chandrashekhar** s/o Chowdaiah. Both are R/at No.1344, 6th G cross, Chunchaghatta Main road, Ganapathipura, Bengaluru – 560085. **3. Sri. Raghavendra H N** s/o G.Nandeeshappa (Guarantor) R/at No.49, 9th cross, K S Colony, Thyagarajnagar, Bengaluru – 560028.
Liability: Rs.9,03,653/- (Rupees Nine Lakh three thousand six hundred & fifty three only) as on **05.04.2022** and interest from **06.04.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 05.04.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 07.05.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having House No.7, Property No.25, Khatha No. 8-31 & 6-13 (Old Khatha No.1972), Konankunte, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 20 Ft, **N to S :** 26 Ft, **Bounded by East:** M.Gopalappa's property, **West :** S. Jayanthi's property **North :** Main Road, **South:** Muniyappa's property. Property is held in the name of **Sri. C. Raghu s/o Chowdaiah & Sri. C. Chandrashekhar s/o Chowdaiah.**

KUMBALAGODU BRANCH
(8). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri. S. A. Ramakrishna s/o Anjinappa, **2. Smt. Devikumari** w/o S.A.Ramakrishna Both are R/at No.410, 5th cross, Byraveshwaranagar, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru - 560091. **3. Sri. Santhosh** s/o Nagaraj (Guarantor) R/at No.410, 5th cross, Byraveshwaranagar, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru - 560091.
Liability: Rs. 3,75,126 /- (Rupees Three lakh Seventy Five thousand One Hundred & Twenty Six) as on **08.04.2022** and interest from **09.04.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 31.03.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 07.05.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having House No.25 (Eastern Portion), Assessment No.11/2, Srigandhadakavalu, Ward No.129 of BBMP, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 15 Ft, **N to S :** 40 Ft, **Bounded by East:** Site No.24, **West :** Western portion of Site No.25, **North :** Site No.20, **South:** Road. Property is held in the name of **Sri. S. A. Ramakrishna s/o Anjinappa.**

DASANPURA BRANCH
(9). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Smt. Rathnamma w/o Muninarayanappa, **2. Sri. B. P. Muninarayanappa** s/o Pillaiah (Guarantor) Both are R/at No.291, Sri.Kalabairaveshwara Nilaya, Vinayaka Layout, Bengaluru North Taluk, Dasanapura, Bengaluru - 562162.
Liability: Rs.4,22,504/- (Rupees Four lakh Twenty Two thousand Five hundred and Four only) as on **09.05.2022** and interest from **10.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 10.05.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 24.05.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Site having Khaneshumari No.4, Dasanapura Gramathana No.376/4 (Old No.66), Assessment No.66/9, Dasanapura, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru north taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 55 Ft, **N to S :** 22 Ft, **Bounded by East:** 10 Ft Road, **West : Muniramanna's site North :** Nanjappa's property, **South:** Site No.3 of Narayanappa. Property is held in the name of **Smt. Rathnamma w/o Muninarayanappa.**

CHIKKABASTHI BRANCH
(10). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri. Subhashchandra s/o Revanna S, **2. Smt. Nethravathi** w/o Subhashchandra. Both are R/at No.305, 7th cross, Balaji Layout, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru - 560056. **3. Smt.Saraswathi** w/o S. Revanna (Guarantor) R/at No.173/613, 2nd cross, Mallathahalli main road, Bengaluru - 560056. **4. Sri. Ramegowda T** s/o Thimmegowda (Guarantor) R/at No.173/613, 2nd cross, Mallathahalli main road, Bengaluru - 560056
Liability : Rs. 27,68,826/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty Six only) as on **27.05.2022** and interest from **28.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost. for **A/c No. 42240102000114** & **Rs.16,30,160/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Thirty Thousand One Hundred & Sixty Only) as on **09.05.2022** and interest from **10.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost. for **A/c No. 42240102001115.**
NPA Date: 30.05.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 09.06.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Site No.305, Assessment/Khatha No.86/5/305, Now BBMP Khatha No.86/5, 305/305/215, Mallathahalli Grama, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk now under BBMP Limits Rajarajeshwari Division. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 45 Ft, **N to S :** 50 Ft, **Bounded by East:** Passage & Property of H.R.Hemachandra, **West :** Drainage, **North :** Site No.304, **South:** Site No.305A. Property is held in the name of **Sri. Subhashchandra s/o Revanna S.**

BANASHANKARI BRANCH
(11). Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri. K. Manju s/o Krishnappa, R/at No.5, 3rd main, 80 Ft Road, Papareddypalya, Nagarbhavi 2nd stage, Bengaluru – 560072. **2. Sri. Anilkumar H S** s/o Shivanna H S (Guarantor) R/at No.4/2-32, A street Kuvempunagar, New Guddadahalli, Mysore Road, Bengaluru – 560026.
Liability : Rs.7,27,859/- (Rupees Seven lakh Twenty Seven thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine only) as on **10.05.2022** and interest from **08.05.2022** and incidental expences and cost.
NPA Date: 09.05.2022 **Demand Notice Date: 24.05.2022**
Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property having Residential Portion of property bearing site no.5, Old assessment No.14, new assessment no.14/1, Khatha No.14, Rajarajeshwarinagar CMC Ward No.8, presently within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.129 situated at Malagalu Grama, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. **Property Measuring: E to W:** 15 Ft, **N to S :** 40 Ft, Consisting of 2 Sq of AC Sheeted House. **Bounded by East:** Remaining Eastern portion of same property, **West :** Remaining Eastern portion of property conveyed to K.Srinivas, **North :** Road, **South:** Site Nos.6 & 7. Property is held in the name of **Sri. K. Manju s/o Krishnappa.**

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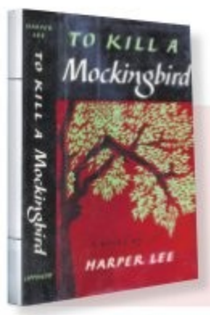

DAY'S DIARY

Book published

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee's 1961 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel was first published on July 11, 1960. It sold one million copy per year

POPULARITY

The book is about a child's view of race and justice in the Depression-era South. Enormously popular, it was translated into 40 languages, and is one of the most-assigned novels in American schools

TO THE FILMS

A year after the novel was published, 5,00,000 copies had been sold and translated into 10 languages. It was only after the film adaptation in 1962 did it reach the pinnacle of success

TRIVIA

Lee based the character of Dill from *To Kill a Mockingbird* on the boy who lived next door to her as a child. That boy was Truman Capote

Shivarajkumar-Arjun Janya film titled 45 ?

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Rahul Gandhi and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah took a break at Bookworm during their JanaAashirwadaYatre campaign in April, '18.

BOOKMAN OF BENGALURU

From selling books on the pavement of MG Road to having the most sought-after address on Church Street, Krishna Gowda, owner of Bookworm, has come a long way as he marks 25 years in world of books

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(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)

KRISHNA Gowda, or Krishna as everyone calls him, owner of Bookworm, has that rare quality that I often look for in my colleagues – PHD – Passion, Hunger and Desire! As he celebrates his silver jubilee in the world of books, Krishna continues to be driven by his passion for books and his customers, an abiding hunger to learn, and above all an ardent desire to make the world a better place by throwing his weight behind the right causes. Krishna is the reason why Bookworm holds a special place in the hearts of booklovers.

To sustain a business for 25 years, one must remain relevant and constantly reinvent oneself, and Krishna has done that time and again. The pandemic tested him (like it did everybody else) but he quickly pivoted to taking orders on WhatsApp and delivering books via Dunzo, Swiggy and speed post. He built a social media presence and held regular author signings. When Westland announced its closure, Krishna had his hands full, as orders started pouring in from across the country, and even authors came to promote the final print copies of their books.

Bookworm is a firm favourite of writers such as Ramachandra Guha, Anita Nair and Suresh Menon. When former Prime Minister Deve Gowda's biography *Furrows in the Field* was released, he personally spent an hour at Bookworm on January 3, '22. Rahul Gandhi and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah took a break at Bookworm during the JanaAashirwadaYatre campaign on April 7, '18.

As someone who has known Krishna for almost two decades, I have seen him grow from selling books on the pavement of MG Road to having the most sought-after address on Church Street. Modest to a fault, success has not changed him a bit. He never forgets his roots and supports his extended family back in his village in Rangasamudra (near Mysuru). He knows his customer's interests and recommends books that they would like the most. What makes Bookworm unique is that it has a huge collection of both old and new books. The store's highlight is its treasure trove of over 1,00,000 children's books, most of them priced at ₹50!

When former Prime Minister Deve Gowda's biography was released in Jan '22, he spent time at Bookworm

My own association with Krishna has grown since the publication of my book *Gifted*. It sold briskly, thanks mainly to Krishna's word-of-mouth publicity. He personally added a further 20 per cent discount to the regular 20 per cent, believing that it would contribute to a good cause. One of my most touching moments was during a visit to his home. After having a coffee with his wife Uma and 80-year-old mother, Uma gave me a parting gift – a book signed by Malala Yousafzai. I did not want to take it, as Krishna had gifted it to her! But they would not take 'no' for an answer. Krishna then dropped me back home on which I had arrived.

Krishna has enriched my personal collection with some of the rarest of rare books – from a book signed by the Mysore Maharaja to Gandhi's first edition of *My Experiments With Truth*, from a signed *The Golden Book of Tagore* to a MF Hussain signed *Story of a Brush*. My personal highlight was when he managed to get me the first edition of Series No. 11 to 69 (from 1969 to 1974) of my childhood favourite *Amar Chitra Katha*. Every time he comes across a rare book he gives me the first right of refusal – and I have never refused till date!

Krishna's vision is to build an institution, to make Bookworm more than just a bookstore and also a place for coffee and conversations. After the pandemic he moved to a larger space on Church Street. He hosted an event there in December 2021 around my book on disability, *The Invisible Majority*, making sure to provide wheelchair access. The last time I spoke to him, he said his dream is to build an antiquarian section with rare books. There is one thing you can never fault Krishna for – dreaming BIG!

I remember so vividly that the gates used to close in the morning and open only in the evening so no one bunked college during the day. I was a very serious student but sometimes, I used to join my group of friends to bunk classes and chill out at small hideouts within the college as we could not go out of the college. We used to get cheap thrills doing this

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Class of 1969

I was forced up the stage for a debate competition and went on to become an All-India University Debater. In 1959, I was introduced to Indira Gandhi as a student leader and an outstanding debater which, years later, channelled my selection in Rajya Sabha. And because of my active role in the student movement, I came in contact with Niranjan Alva, whom I married in 1964. Mount Carmel College shaped my entire life

Margaret Alva, Class of 1962

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CELEBRATIONS & JUBILATIONS

As the city's most prestigious institution, Mount Carmel College brings in its 75th year, notable alumnae take *CE* down memory lane, reminiscing their own days at their alma mater

ISHRATH MUBEEN

FOR Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, studying at Mount Carmel College (MCC) was like an extension of her school days. As MCC celebrates its Platinum Jubilee year, the executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited recalls the good old days when bunking classes was next to impossible. "I remember so vividly that the gates used to close in the morning and open only in the evening so no one bunked college during the day," says Mazumdar-Shaw. Despite being a focused student, she would occasionally bunk to spend time with friends. "We used to get cheap thrills doing this, but would never dare to bunk Sister Geneive's class," she says.

MCC in Vasanth Nagar, a historic educational institution in the city, marked the beginning of its 75th this year, on July 7. For the Platinum Jubilee, the institution is hosting year-long celebrations to reconnect with its alumnae. The celebrations, inaugurated by Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu will go on till July 7, '23.

Former governor of Rajasthan, Margaret Alva, also an alumna, is ever-grateful to the college which played an important role in honing her public speaking skills, which eventually helped her achieve great heights in life. "I was forced up the stage for a debate competition and went on to become an All-India University Debater. In 1959, I was introduced to Indira Gandhi as a student leader and an outstanding debater which, years later, channelled my selection in Rajya Sabha. And finally, because of my active role in the student movement, I came in contact with Niranjan Alva, and went on to marry him in 1964. The college shaped my entire life," says Alva.

MCC is synonymous with important life lessons for actor Sharmiela Mandre. "MCC helped me with my career. My most favourite place to spend time was at the theatre group. The support was incredible." Agrees Nicole Faria, Miss Earth 2010, who interacted with some of the best people at college. "At that time, I was already an established model, and the college was super supportive," she says.

Dr Sr Arpana, principal, MCC

An alumna herself and now the principal, Dr Sr Arpana, hopes to reach out to the community, keeping with the vision and mission of the college. "There are generations of alumnae out there. The celebrations are a combination of cultural, academic, and social engagements," she says. Dr Suma Singh, dean of humanities, says, "As faculty, learning has been in terms of the freedom that the institution has given me to curate new-age programmes and the encouragement to try something different."

As another facet of the celebrations, a store was inaugurated recently on the campus in collaboration with noted artist Paul Fernandes who has created nostalgic sketches of 'Life at Carmel'.

WITH INPUTS FROM VIDYA IYENGAR

IN STORE

AUGUST: 'Atulya Bharat' celebrations to commemorate the 75th Independence Day celebrations.

SEPTEMBER: 'Start up Carmel', a hackathon for Carmelites to present innovative ideas.

OCTOBER: Mount Carmel Central School (MCCS) and MCC to host an inter-school competition based on 75 years since Independence.

NOVEMBER: International conference with focus on sustainable development goals and Kannadotsava by the Kannada Association to celebrate the heritage of Karnataka.

DECEMBER: A carnival, open house, and fashion show. Also, an event for retired staff, former principals and 75 alumnae called 'Walk Down Memory Lane'.

JANUARY: A carnival 'Carmel Platina' and a national-level sports competition, Khel.

FEBRUARY: Alumnae month with leadership summits and reunions.

MARCH: Young leaders from different walks of life to interact with students at the Town Hall.

JULY: Culmination of the celebrations with a Thanksgiving mass and release of the souvenir.

FEAST AND FIESTA

Fun, food and laughter marked the celebrations of Eid-al-Adha on Sunday at the homes of Bollywood actor Kubbra Sait; entrepreneur Safdhar Adoor; and politician and speaker MC Abbas (clockwise from left).

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher worth ₹1,500 from Grand Mercure Bangalore**

GRUB HUB

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Bisi bele bhath 2) Laal Maans 3) Samosa

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Madhuri 2) Sindhuja T 3) Bhagyashree

***Conditions apply**

CITY READ

BMSIT hosts project exhibition for students

An open day project exhibition was organised by the BMS Institute of Technology on July 9 to provide a platform for selected students whose projects have won awards and have been recognised at the state and national levels. The projects were done on topics such as robotics, green energy, image processing, material science and artificial intelligence. The event was inaugurated by the principal Dr Mohan Babu G N and coordinated by Dr Ambika, Professor ECE department.

Workshop on conservation of native medicinal plants to be held

A workshop will be conducted by the Department of Life Science (Botany), in collaboration with Karnataka State Medicinal Plants Authority and Karnataka Biodiversity Board on the conservation of native medicinal plants in Bengaluru City University, on July 13. The speakers for the workshop include Lingaraja Gandhi, vice-chancellor, Bengaluru City University; Sudarshan G A, IFS, chief executive officer, Karnataka State Medicinal Plants Authority; and Anita S Arekal IFS, member-secretary, Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

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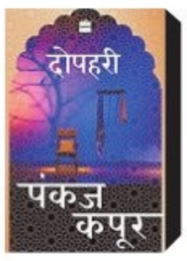
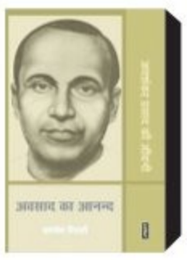


Dopehri

By Pankaj Kapur

This book by actor Pankaj Kapur tells the tale of Amma Bi, an elderly widow who lives alone in her deserted Lucknow haveli. Every afternoon, at precisely 3 o'clock, she hears the sound of unknown footsteps. Every afternoon, she peeks out... but no one is there.



Avsad Ka Anand

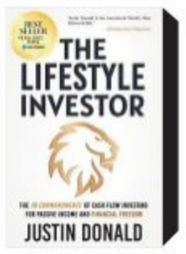
By Satyadev Tripathi

This biography tells the personal and professional life of Indian poet Jai Shankar Prasad who was a prominent figure in modern Hindi literature as well as Hindi theatre.

Tumhare Baare Mein

By Manav Kaul

Actor Manav Kaul's third book is neither prose nor poetry but a culmination of various moments in life that we live and forget about.



The Lifestyle Investor

By Justin Donald

Ever wondered what life would be like if we had a simple, proven system to create cash flow and generate real wealth with little risk or complexity?

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Artsy Morning

If you are an artsy person, this Saturday morning walk at Cubbon Park is perfect for you! Join the Art Walk and spend your time unwinding with nature and art at ₹299. Book your spots soon!

WHEN: July 16, 8.45 am
WHERE: Cubbon Park, Kasturba Road
DETAILS: insider.in

Kannada Comedy

Join this Kannada stand-up comedy show hosted by Lodhan Live. Enjoy the humour with your friends and indulge in the food and drinks!

WHEN: July 14, 8 pm
WHERE: Sherlocks Nagarbhavi, Nagarbhavi
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

FILLED WITH LAUGHTER

Join this show to have an unforgettable time at a cafe with food accompanied by fresh jokes to make you laugh!

WHEN: July 13, 9 pm **WHERE:** Cafe Hideout, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Circle of Beats

Gather around in a circle with your beats at the end of a busy day. Bring your favourite instrument and enjoy the soulful music!

WHEN: July 13, 7.30 pm
WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Chess Club

Chess Connect is a meetup organised by the Bangalore Chess Club. Bring your chess boards and join in on the fun and play multiple chess games at ₹75.

WHEN: July 17, 10 am
WHERE: Lahe Lahe: Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Classical Drama

Join actor and dancer Shobana's 'Thiruchitrambalam', a dance-drama that includes live music. If you are interested in dance, you should attend this one.

WHEN: July 24, 6:05 pm
WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Techno Music

Monkey Space a.k.a Rahul Kayath, known for his musical talent in techno house music, is performing live. Join this show to enjoy a simple, funky and soulful style of music.

WHEN: July 9, 7 pm
WHERE: Hyatt Centric, MG Road
DETAILS: insider.in

Gaming Tournament

Join this online tournament, Valorant Underdogs. Keep your gaming PCs ready for an evening full of games.

WHEN: July 15, 10 am **WHERE:** Online
DETAILS: insider.in

Floral Art

This workshop caters to those who are interested in mastering the technique of flower arrangement. If you love floristry and want to learn more, join this workshop conducted by the owner of Ohana Flowers.

WHEN: July 23, 11 am
WHERE: Embassy Boulevard
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

GRACEFUL MOVEMENTS

Kathak dancers Akruti Shah and Ashwini Kaikini mesmerised the audience at the launch of debut author Yasmin Sait's book *Manan*. | LEKSHMI S THOTTUPURATH

QUICK FIX

POHA CUTLET

Contributed by: **Aarty Makkar**, New Delhi

INGREDIENTS

- **Potato:** 1 ■ **Poha:** 1 cup ■ **Chopped carrot:** 1/4 cup
- **Chopped French beans:** 5 ■ **Green peas:** 1/4 cup
- **Chopped onions:** 1/4 cup ■ **Coriander leaves:** 1 tbsp
- **Ginger-garlic paste:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Turmeric powder, red chilli powder:** 1/4 tsp ■ **Garam masala:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Amchur:** 1/2 tsp ■ **White sesame seeds:** 1 tsp ■ **Salt:** as per taste
- **Lemon juice:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Rinse and soak the poha in water. Cover for 3 to 4 minutes. Drain excess water.
- Peel and mash one large potato after boiling it.
- Add the vegetables and ginger-garlic paste.
- Add the poha. Now add the spices and the salt along with some lemon juice. Mix well.
- Take a portion from this mixture and make a tikki.
- Heat on a tawa until both sides turn golden brown.
- Serve with green chutney.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com.

FIT BIT

EKA PADA BAKASANA

(ONE-LEGGED CRANE POSE)

It is a balancing posture where the body in a forward bend is balanced on the upper arm. The practitioner requires strength in the wrist and the shoulder to hold the pose. The asana guides the practitioner towards relaxation and tranquility. It helps build the physical and emotional framework. The crane bird represents peace, creativity, and good luck in many cultures and traditions.

STEPS

- Start in Bakasana (Crane Pose), your palms placed shoulder-distance apart. Ensure gap between the fingers and the knees are placed behind the upper arms. Gaze forward.
- Now, prepare the upper body to experience a weight change. By gripping the floor tighter and the forearms firmer with a slight inward movement of elbows, gradually shift your weight more on the right arm and then, lift off the left leg.
- Extend your leg in the air. The gaze remains forward.
- This is the final position. Hold it as long as it is comfortable without straining. Then return slowly by bending and bringing the left leg closer to the middle torso.
- Rest it on the back of the left upper arm by stabilising the shoulder and forearms. Come to Bakasana and repeat the same asana with the other leg. Then, release the pose and relax.

BENEFITS

- Improves blood circulation.
- Boosts the nervous and endocrine systems.
- Relieves stress, anxiety, headaches and depression.
- Helps in overcoming various digestive disorders.
- Improves the functioning of various internal organs.
- Improves concentration and focus.
- Corrects abnormal breathing pattern.
- Activates Manipura (Navel) Chakra, which boosts confidence, power, and control.

LIMITATIONS

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RABB DA RADIO 2 (Punjabi)

When a newly-wed couple, Manjinder and Guddi, return to Manjinder's hometown, they find that his extended family consisting of four maternal uncles have split and gone their separate ways.

Cast: Tarsem Jassar, Simi Chahal, BN Sharma

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PUAADA (Punjabi)

Jaggi, a farmer, and Raunak, a young woman, love each other and wish to get married. However, they face several challenges in their quest to unite.

Cast: Sonam Bajwa, Ammy Virk, Anita Devgn

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In rural India, a child with hydrocephalus gets a chance at life-changing surgery after her photos go viral. This documentary charts her journey.

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THEERAN (Tamil)

Theeran, a dedicated police officer, pays the price for his honesty and faces hardships when he tries to investigate the illegal activities conducted by a powerful gangster.

Cast: Karthi, Rakul Preet Singh, Abhimanyu Singh

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LOVE MOCKTAIL 2 (Kannada)

With the semblance of leading a normal life, Adi struggles with the loss of his wife, Nidhi. However, Sihi, a charming young woman, enters as a glimmer of hope when she commits to helping Adi.

Cast: Darling Krishna, Milana Nagaraj, Rachel David

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

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JONAKI (Bengali)

An elderly woman on her deathbed searches her fraying memories for love and fulfilment through a surreal, meditative tableaux.

Cast: Lolita Chatterjee, Jim Sarbh, Ratnabali Bhattacharjee

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AWE (Telugu)

Six people go through various issues in their lives and somehow, they end up at the same restaurant where a life-changing moment takes place.

Cast: Kajal Aggarwal, Nithya Menen, Eesha Rebba, Regina Cassandra

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FOREIGN

COLD WAR (Polish)

A passionate love story between two people of different backgrounds, who are fatefully mismatched and yet condemned to each other. Set against the background of the Cold War in the 1950s, the film depicts an impossible love story in impossible times.

Cast: Joanna Kulig, Tomasz Kot, Borys Szyc

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DEEP WATER (English)

The film takes us inside the marriage of picture-perfect Vic and Melinda Van Allen to discover the dangerous mind games they play and what happens to the people that get caught up in them.

Cast: Ben Affleck, Ana de Armas, Tracy Letts

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

YAKSHA: RUTHLESS OPERATIONS (Korean)

On assignment in a perilous city to inspect a Black Ops team and its notorious leader, an upstanding prosecutor steps into a deadly war between spies.

Cast: Sul Kyung-gu, Park Hae-soo, Hiroyuki Ikeuchi

Watch on: Netflix

BLASTED (Norwegian)

When an alien invasion interrupts a bachelor party, two childhood friends reunite as the kickass laser tag duo they once were to fight back.

Cast: Axel Bøyum, Fredrik Skogsrud, Ingrid Bolsø Berdal

Watch on: Netflix

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POLITICS AT PLAY

Recently, a political outfit stopped the performance of *Jathegiruvanu Chandira*, in Shivamogga, claiming that the play includes an interfaith marriage and Muslim characters. Prominent theatre artistes in B'luru share their thoughts on the goings-on

PRAKASH BELAWADI, actor

India's outrage industry is growing on all sides, left or right or whatever. The government should provide security to ensure that the artistes can continue to perform the show. People who are upset by the theme or content of the show may be allowed to protest some distance away from the venue so that they don't disturb the performance or frighten the audience. Religious fervour is a global nuisance.

ZAFER MOHIUDDIN, theatre artiste

I don't know why this play cannot be performed when there is a law that supports inter-caste marriage. So what is the harm in showing it on stage? There are so many Muslim social films, so why should there be no Muslim social plays. I recently did a play called *Jisne Lahore Nahi Dekha*, which is a story about partition. Nobody came to oppose me. I feel we should have more shows like this to reduce hatred between the communities.

A still from *Jathegiruvanu Chandira*

KAVITA LANKESH, film director

People like my father P Lankesh and artistes like Girish Karnad wrote plays, which involved a number of Muslim characters. Protestors now would not have allowed such plays in the current situation. This shows how intolerant the society has become to any other religion, except the Hindutva supremacy. A theatre is a place where everyone is secular and progressive, in fact, that it is being threatened now. The government should arrest the people who stopped the play as an example or it will go on.

It is a very sad day for all of us with rights to creative expressions curbed and intimidated. I am talking about this play specifically which has been performed across the state for many years. One can only conclude that this was done to gain cheap publicity and I hope that the authorities and members of civil society are able to nip this in the bud.

DR SRIDHAR RAMANATHAN, convenor-trustee, Bangalore Little Theatre Foundation

SRINIVAS BEESETTY, founder, Kahe Vidushak Foundation

We are not new to this kind of event. These instances have happened and one commonality in all of these instances is ignorance from the protestors and government. When I say ignorance, it is of the context. For example, a play called *Jati hi Puchho Sadhu ki* by Vijay Tendulkar essentially translates to 'ask a saint his caste' but it had nothing to do with caste, rather it was about the education system. But two years ago, the show in Madhya Pradesh was cancelled because of its title. Recently, I had taken one of my plays for a North India tour and we were supposed to perform in Gurugram. We were strictly told by the auditorium management not to use satire on politics or a certain party.

Omkar Mantri, Khushi Shetty and Zaid Aslam Sheriff

DELEGATES TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

MADHUMITA RAJGOPAL

SCHOOLS and colleges might have been in session for a while, but nothing gets the academic spirit flowing like a MUN (Model United Nations). Bethany Junior College showed Bengaluru how it's done, as they held the city's first offline MUN which was of the students, by the students, and for the students. Distinguished personalities such as Vani Trilok, principal of Mitra Academy, and Ashok Soota, executive chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies, were in attendance. Around 240 delegates from over 20 schools in Bengaluru participated, ready to debate away and win the coveted 'Best Delegate' title. Students from Class 12, such as Khushi Shetty — president of Bethany Junior College, Omkar Mantri — cultural coordinator, and Zaid Aslam Sheriff — MUN coordinator, brought this event to life.

Rasmi M, the faculty coordinator says, "We wanted this to be entirely done by students because they learnt leadership techniques. This is one of the biggest takeaways because it helps them stand on their feet and think on their feet."

According to principal Robert Khin, the idea behind hosting the event was to make sure students become better organisers, and to aid their holistic learning. A participant of the MUN and student at Bethany Junior College, Jasmeeth Singh, mentions that MUN is relevant to subjects like political science. With knowledge from MUN, one can understand not only how the world works but also 'adapt to competitive environments and learn to keep personal opinions aside.'

Zaid Aslam Sheriff, who conceived the idea of organising a MUN at Bethany adds, "The MUN circuit has a lot of rivalries, and it is a very competitive atmosphere, but we were able to establish ourselves through this MUN."

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A NINJA TURTLES BEAT-EM UP!

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(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Last week, I played a game that reimagines famous Renaissance Era artists as turtles that love pizza. Unlike their real-life animal counterparts, the mutant turtles also pack a mean punch. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Shredder's Revenge had me longing to feel nostalgic about a franchise that I was never sold on as a child. It is a fast-paced, no-frills beat-em-up game. TMNT Shredder's Revenge has almost everything I like in a videogame. Let me explain.

Shredder's Revenge has a classic, arcade game vibe. An extension of the simple and colourful artstyle, the gameplay itself is also very approachable. There are only a few things that the turtles can do. Turtles can jump. Turtles can roll. Turtles can punch. Turtles can hurl the enemy across the room like a basketball. There are around four operable buttons in whole. But the loading screen displays 20 different control combinations that employ interesting attacks to the enemies on screen. The approachability of the game lies in the fact that you end up seeing something cool on screen no matter the order in which you smash the buttons. It's a switch-off-your-brain-and-play kinda game.

There is hardly any strategy in combat, and once you catch the rhythm in the combat, it feels like a wild dance-fight with the ninja enemies.

It also packs in one of the best features of a classic arcade game — it's short. If you are good enough, you can finish the entire game in a single sitting. The game has a total of 16 levels. It has a sufficiently involving story, with short cutscenes that describe the spiral of chaos. But most importantly, cooperative gameplay exists, with up to six players battling simultaneously!

Multiple players can make the screen seem cramped and make the gameplay confusing. But it's nice to destroy the bosses in a jiffy. It also helps that the game tracks knock-out stats, so there's potential for healthy competition between your co-op buddies.

If you're done with the campaign story and have not had enough of the game, TMNT has a second mode. The arcade mode has limited continues and no checkpoints — so if you're a master of the beat-em-up genre, this should be easy. TMNT: Shredder's Revenge developed by Tribute Games released just last month, and is available for the PC, Xbox, PlayStation and the Switch. You can catch it for free with the Xbox game pass now.

CITY READ

Classrooms inaugurated for underprivileged students

Round Table India and Ladies Circle India inaugurated four classrooms and two toilet blocks at Kattigenahalli Government High School as part of Round Table India's vision of 'Freedom Through Education'. This is an initiative to help and create quality infrastructure in schools for underprivileged children. The classrooms were inaugurated by Krishna Byre Gowda, MLA Byatarayanapura. The project was monitored by the Round Table India team which is a youth organisation that focuses on nation-building and promoting 'service through fellowship'.

Walkathon organised by BMS School of Architecture

BMS School of Architecture in Yelahanka organised a walkathon called 'Eco Tramp' in collaboration with the Rotary Club on July 9. In the wake of the World Environment Day 2022, the walk started from BMSSA (BMS School of Architecture), and then went onto Singanayakanahalli, National Public School and finally ended at BMSSA. The aim of the walk was to mark the importance of 'nature for a better future.' S R Vishwanath, MLA Yelahanka was the chief guest for the event.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **DEEPIKA VINAY**, W/o. Vinay Somashankarappa, aged about 38 years, Residing at No. 74, Rajatadri Apartments, 10th Main, 11th Cross, Girinagar, 3rd Phase, Bangalore - 560 085, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DEEPIKA VINAY SOMASHANKARAPPA** to **DEEPIKA VINAY,** hereinafter I shall be known and called as **DEEPIKA VINAY** only, vide affidavit dated 08.07.2022, sworn before P. Vijaya Kumar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUJAYA** W/o **Chandra Mouleswaraiah Nandeeshwaraiah** aged about 52 years, R/at No.11, 1st C Main Road, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar , Bangalore-560010 have changed my name to **SUJAYA BIDADI MALLIKARJUNAIAH** vide affidavit dated: 8/7/2022 Before Notary **Hegde Ganapati Venkataraman** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JOAN REGO** (Name After Marriage), previously called, known as **JOAN OF ARC** (Name Before Marriage), Daughter of NOEL BLANDINS, aged about 52 years, W/o. NOEL CHRISTOPHER JAUNUARIUS REGO, RESIDING AT, FAY VILLA TATAGUNI VILLAGE & POST, KANAKAPURA ROAD, BWSSB PUMPING STATION, RAMANAGAR-560062, KARNATAKA, PRESENTLY CAMPED AT BENGALURU CITY, declare that, after my marriage with NOEL CHRISTOPHER JAUNUARIUS REGO, I have changed my name from **JOAN OF ARC** (Name Before Marriage) to **JOAN REGO** (Name After Marriage), henceforth I shall be known and called as **JOAN REGO** (Name After Marriage), only for all purpose, also declare that, these both names i.e. **JOAN OF ARC** (Name Before Marriage) & **JOAN REGO** (Name After Marriage) refers, pertains and belongs to one and the same person i.e. myself only vide Affidavit dated : 07/07/2022 before Notary **N.KANCHIVARADARAJU**, at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sundaramurthy** S/o Late Govindaswamy, residing at: No.53/1, Seethappa Colony, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560075. Karnataka. I have changed my name from **DURAIVELU ACHARI** (Old Name) to **SUNDARAMURTHY (New Name)** vide an affidavit dated: **07.07.2022**, before Notary: **S.Subashini, Advocate & Notary, Govt.of India,** Bengaluru-560049.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYA RAMESH** W/o **A.Ramesh** R/at No.D-503, 5th floor, Bren Celestia, Carmelaram Post, Opp Kaikondrahalli Bus Stop, Bangalore- 560035 have changed my name to **VIJAYA AKSHINTHALA RAMESH** vide affidavit dated:9/7/2022 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASIL ANTONY, Aged about 51 years, S/o. Pulikkarambil Lonan George. residing at No.344 His Grace Lane K Narayanapura, opp Brigade Altmont, Kothanur, Bangalore 560077, declare that I have changed my name from BASIL ANTONY GEORGE to BASIL ANTONY vide affidavit dated 21/06/2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary Uday Kumar .K, Bengaluru.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAKSHMI CHALLA JANARDHAN NAIDU D/o.Janardana Naidu Challa, aged 21 years, (DOB-17-05-2001) R/at.No.20, 9th A Cross, Balajinagar, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, B'lore-85,
Have changed My Name from **"LAKSHMI CHALLA JANARDHAN NAIDU"** to **"LAKSHMI J."** (Lakshmi Janardana Naidu), for Personal and family Reasons, By an affidavit sworn to before notary public, **Dr. BKR. Krishnamurthy, LLB, PH.D.,** on **09-07-2022** at Bangalore-85.
Henceforth I Shall be Known by my new Name of **"LAKSHMI. J."** (Lakshmi Janardana Naidu), only for All Purposes & Records.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME), S. SOBHA RANI Spouse of No 16117053M NK SURIBOYINA VIJAYA BHASKAR REDDY Residing at # 8/126, Kanuaparthi (Vill & Post), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), Pin: 523180, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SURIBOYINA SOBHA RANI** Vide Affidavit Dated 08.07.2022 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LEELAVATHI SHIVAPRASAD. M,** W/o Shiva Prasad M P, aged about 46 years and residing at No. C1321, Brigade Panorama, Kambipura, Kumbalagodu, Bangalore 560074, declare that I have changed my name from **LEELAVATHI M. and LEELAVATHI SHIVAPRASAD M.** to **LIKITA SHIVAPRASAD M,** vide affidavit dated 06/07/2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, CHIYAKOPOOVANDA .P. RAJANI, aged about 51 years, D/o Poonacha.C.B & W/o Somaiah. K. P, R/at.No.387, SMK Residency, C.K. Achukattu, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore-85.
Have changed My Name from **"CHIYAKOPOOVANDA .P. RAJANI" to "RAJINI K.S."** for Personal and family Reasons, By an affidavit sworn to before notary public, Govt of India, **Dr. BKR. Krishnamurthy, LLB, PH.D.,** on **05-07-2022** at Bangalore-85.
Henceforth I Shall be Known by my new Name of **"RAJINI K.S."** only for All Purposes & Records.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Ashwini P.Joshi, aged 38 years D/o Prakash P Johsi W/o Dattatreya V. Shindgi, permanent resident of Flat No.001, Asta Built Matrix, Site No. 178, 10th Cross, 9th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560079 has changed my name from **Ashwini P.Joshi** to **Dharini D.Shindgi** after my marriage held on 01/05/2006 at Dharwad. Now I am known as **Dharini D. Shindgi.** I have sworn an affidavit bearing no IN-KA69422022761373U on 7-7-2022 before the Notary **V.RAJASHEKARA** (Regn No.6732), Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ARCHNA, W/o Sri. Hywin Antony A, aged about 31 years, Residing at: No.15, Prestige Glenwood, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bidarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560049, have changed my name to ARCHNA RAMCHANDRAN vide affidavit dated 08/07/2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V. Prema Kumari, Bengaluru.

SHIVARAJKUMAR-ARJUN JANYA FILM TITLED *45*?

A SHARADHAA

WE had previously revealed that music director Arjun Janya is making his directorial debut with the project fronted by Century Star Shivarajkumar and bankrolled by Ramesh Reddy.

Now, *CE* has learned through a close source that the Arjun Janya-Shivarajkumar project has been titled *45*. The film is currently in pre-production, and the team are planning to make an official announcement about this multilingual project along with the title poster,on Shivarajkumar's 60th birthday, which falls on July 12.

A number as the title for Shivarajkumar's film has lead to curiosity about the film's plot. Arjun had previously expressed his excitement about collaborating with Shivanna and Ramesh Reddy, and called it a 'God's blessing.' "Right from childhood, I've been a fan of Mani Ratnam's films, which used to haunt me. My longtime wish to become a filmmaker was finally on the right track when I came across an interesting subject, and Shivanna gave his nod," he said.

> The multilingual film's poster will be unveiled by celebrities on Century Star's 60th birthday on July 12

More details on the cast and crew are awaited. This will be one of the handful of projects in line for Shivarajkumar, who is currently filming for his 125th project *Vedha*, directed by A Harsha. He is also collaborating with Sachin Ravi for a yet-to-be-titled project, and Srini's upcoming film, *Ghost*.

Shivarajkumar

Arjun Janya, Shivarajkumar and Ramesh Reddy

A still from Vikrant Rona

VIKRANT RONA TARGETS 1,200 SCREENS OVERSEAS ALONE

CE FEATURES

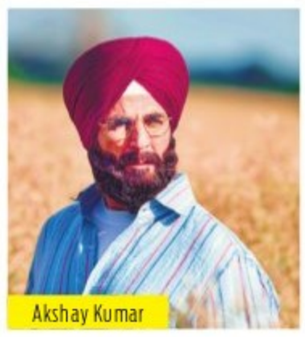
SUDEEP'S *Vikrant Rona* in 3D is all set to release on July 28, and the much-anticipated film has been creating extraordinary buzz before its release. While the multilingual adventure drama directed by Anup Bhandari will be one of the biggest releases across India, the film is all set to hit in an equal number of theatres abroad. The film is bankrolled by Shalini Artss and co-produced by Alankar Pandian of Invenio Origins. Meanwhile, Yogish Dwarakish Bungale (Dwarakish Chitra), the Operations Head of One Twenty 8 Media and Cosmos Entertainment along with Akash Ameya Jain and Phanindra Kumar, who is looking at the overseas market, has plans to release *Vikrant Rona* in over 30 plus countries abroad and has targeted to hit around 1200 screens. Speaking to *CE*, Yogi revealed their release plan across the world. "For the last three months, we have been working on *Vikrant Rona* releasing overseas and we have already confirmed the theatrical release in the UK, US, Canada, European countries, the entire Gulf, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Nepal among many other countries. An official announcement with the list of theatres will be made, once we are through with the Censor board, in these respective countries, and the process is on," he says.

Yogish Dwarakish Bungale

Akash Ameya Jain

Vikrant Rona is releasing in Kannada, Hindi, English, Malayalam, and Tamil and is expected to be out in Arabic, German, Russian, and Mandarin, as well. Yogi Dwarakish says that they are planning to release Vikrant Rona in all the Indian languages. Priority will be given to the Kannada version and will have more number of shows. "There are inquiries to release in foreign languages. However, the release will be made depending on the response. The release in Mandarin will be done in two weeks later." he added.

Besides Sudeep, Vikrant Rona also features Jacqueline Fernandez, Nirup Bhandari, and Neetha Ashok among others. Meanwhile, the makers plan to release their next lyric video -- *Hai Fakira* on July 12. The 3D mystery thriller has artwork by Shivakumar. Ajaneesh Loknath composed the music and director Anup Bhandari penned the lyrics to the songs. William David has handled the cinematography.


Akshay Kumar

Akshay Kumar's next announced

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Akshay Kumar continues his signing spree with a new project directed by Tinu Suresh Desai. The film marks the second collaboration between the actor and the director after the 2016 film, *Rustom,* for which the actor won National Award. Although the new film is yet to be titled, the first image from the film, features Akshay in the attire of a Sikh standing in the middle of a field.

The film is being produced by Vashu Bhagnani through his production house, Pooja Entertainment. The shooting of the film began recently in London. Interestingly, one of Akshay's upcoming projects, *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan,* co-starring Tiger Shroff, is also being produced by Pooja Entertainment.

Further details related to the project, including the primary cast and crew, are currently under wraps. In addition to this project, Akshay has multiple films in different stages of development, including *Ram Setu, Mission Cinderella, Selfiee,* and the remake of *Soorarai Pottru*. His next will be *Raksha Bandhan*, set to release on August 11.

TOOTU MADIKE BLENDS AN OFFBEAT STORY WITH COMMERCIAL ASPECTS

TOOTU MADIKE

Cast: Chandra Keerthi, Pavana Gowda, Pramod Shetty, Girish Shivanna, Shankar Ashwath, Ugram Manju

Director: Chandra Keerthi

A SHARADHAA

THE beauty of *Tootu Madike* not just lies in the unique title but also in its realistic portrayals. The screenplay of this crime-comedy is heartwarming for it presents the lives of slum dwellers, their routine hardships, and painful moments. More importantly, it talks about how they never cease to lose hope and dream big. All of this is brought alive with simple characters, good dose of humour, and is captured against a rustic backdrop in Bengaluru.

The plot revolves around a lost antique, which is of utmost importance in Indian mythology. The story begins with Nasgunni (Chandra Keerthi) and his best friend Dollar (Girish Shivanna) who are residents of the area and go around taking up menial and illegal jobs. Their lives take a bizarre turn when they are offered a ₹ 10 lakh deal by a politician's PA Ananthu (Pramod Shetty). The duo is tasked with finding the antique, which is lost in the slum. They also have to find the politician'sson, Rakesh (Naresh Bhat), who has been absconding. The friends go through a series of events, involving a scam, kidnap, blackmail, and some heart-wrenching moments. Will Nasgunni and Dollar succeed in the task? The suspense and whodunits are built up with hilarious twists and turns.

RATING 3/5

The first-time director (and actor) Chandra Keerthi displays the vision to marry an offbeat subject with commercial elements. The film, packaged with crime, humour, and melodrama, also references some prevalent issues in society. Overall, the film benefits from the commitment of the director, the cast, and the crew. Apart from Chandra, Girish, and Pramod Shetty, Paavana Gowda, as a tea vendor, Nandagopal and Ugramm Manju have lived up to their characters. Child artistes Sampath and Jatin add value to the film.

Music by Swamynathan adds flavour to the story. Special credits to cinematographer Naveen Challa for capturing the rustic side that exists around the cosmopolitan city. As a crime thriller that underlines the lives of slum people and their big dreams, this film can definitely feature on your watchlist.

Aamir Khan with Karan Johar

Aamir Khan to appear on *Koffee With Karan 7*, SRK will skip the show

CE FEATURES

KOFFEE With Karan season 7 is presently streaming. Released weekly, the first episode of the celebrity chat show featured Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt. A prior promo had revealed Akshay Kumar, Anil Kapoor, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Janhvi Kapoor, Varun Dhawan, Vijay Devarakonda, and others as future guests.

Now, in an interview with Bollywood Hungama, Karan has disclosed that superstar Aamir Khan will also grace the couch this season. Aamir has previously appeared on Koffee With Karan three times. His last appearance, a solo visit, was in 2018.

Karan also shared that Shah Rukh Khan won't be a part of season 7 of *Koffee With Karan*. The director acknowledged that SRK has been maintaining his distance from the media, and it's best he 'explode' during the time of Pathaan.

Aamir's upcoming release is Laal Singh Chaddha. The film is the official Indian adaptation of *Forrest Gump* (1994).

JULIUS ONAH TO DIRECT *CAPTAIN AMERICA 4*

Director Julius Onah has been roped to helm *Captain America 4,* which will mark Anthony Mackie's first feature-length outing as *Captain America,* after he took on the shield in The Falcon and the Winter Soldier. The Nigerian-American director is best known for his work on Netflix's T*he Cloverfield Paradox* and *Luce*, and *Captain America 4* will mark his first film since Luce's release in 2019.

Alia Bhatt

Alia extends gratitude to her *Heart of Stone* team

CE FEATURES

ALIA Bhatt announced the wrap for her upcoming Hollywood debut, Heart of Stone. The actor took to her social media handle on Friday to pen a heartfelt note. She extended her gratitude to her co-stars Gal Gadot, Jaime Dornan and director Tom Harper for the love and care showered on her.

Heart of Stone - you have my wholeeeeeee heart Thank you to the beautiful @GalGadot.. my director Tom Harper ... #JamieDornan missed you today.. and WHOLE team for the unforgettable experience. pic.twitter.com/wYyDI8sO53

— Alia Bhatt (@aliaa08) July 8, 2022

Mounted as an American spy film, *Heart of Stone* will premiere on Netflix. Written by Greg Rucka and Allison Schroeder, Skydance's David Ellison, Dana Goldberg, and Don Granger are producing the film along with Mockingbird's Bonnie Curtis and Julie Lynn and Pilot Wave's Gadot and Jaron Varsano.

Meanwhile, Ranbir Kapoor and Alia are expecting their first child. The couple tied the knot on April 14 of this year. Following the announcement of the pregnancy, while there were reports that she would delay her shoot for *Heart of Stone,* the actor immediately shut down the rumours.